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Burkina Faso paratroopers participate  
Tuesday in the U.S. military-led Flintlock  
exercise in Thies, Senegal.

## ISIS, al-Qaida joining forces in West Africa

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE  
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*The Washington Post*

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania — Groups linked to al-Qaida and Islamic State, at war with each other in the Middle East, are working together to take control of territory across a vast stretch of West Africa, U.S. and local officials say, sparking fears the regional threat could grow into a global crisis.

Fighters appear to be coordinating attacks and carving out mutually agreed-upon areas of influence in the Sahel, a strip of land south of the Sahara desert. The rural territory at risk is so large it could "fit multiple Afghanistans and Iraqs," said Brig. Gen. Dagvin Anderson, head of the U.S. military's special operations arm in Africa.

"What we've seen is not just random acts of violence under a terrorist banner, but a deliberate campaign that is trying to bring these various groups under a common cause," he said. "That larger effort then poses a threat to the United States."

The militants have wielded increasingly sophisticated tactics in recent months as they have rooted deeper into Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, ambushing army bases

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## Base battles outbreak

US soldiers fighting to keep  
Camp Walker free of virus

BY KIM GAMEL  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP WALKER, South Korea — U.S. soldiers wearing face masks and gloves wielded thermometers instead of guns, as the military fought to keep a deadly virus from spreading to this base in the middle of South Korea's hardest-hit area.

The central government raised the alert to its highest level Sunday as the number of confirmed cases of the new coronavirus soared past 600, with five deaths.

The outbreak has spread rapidly since hitting the southeastern city of Daegu and surrounding areas last week, prompting growing concern for the local Army garrison with more than 9,000 American soldiers, family members and other personnel.

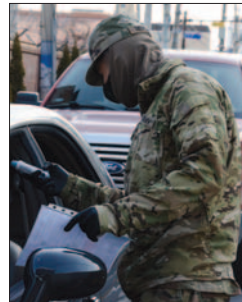
Soldiers have been banned from non-essential off-post travel to and from the base, and were told Sunday not to shake hands with anyone.

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Above: Workers in protective gear spray disinfectant at a local market in Daegu, South Korea, on Sunday. Right: Pvt. Hector Mercado checks temperatures before allowing people to enter Camp Walker on Saturday.



# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Debris found in 70% of inspected 737 Max jets

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Debris has been found in the fuel tanks of 70% of grounded Boeing 737 Max jets that have been inspected, Boeing confirmed Saturday.

Boeing inspectors found the debris in 35 out of about 50 jets that were inspected. They are among 400 built in the past year that the company hasn't been able to deliver to airline customers.

Boeing temporarily halted production last month because the planes were grounded after

crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed 346 people.

Although debris hasn't been linked to those crashes, metal shavings, tools and other objects left in planes during assembly can raise the risk of electrical short-circuiting and fires. On Tuesday, the company had said that debris was found in "several" planes, but it did not give a precise number.

The debris was discovered during maintenance on parked planes, and Boeing said that it immediately made corrections in

its production system to prevent a recurrence. Those steps include more inspections before fuel tanks are sealed.

"This is unacceptable and won't be tolerated on any Boeing aircraft when it's delivered to the customer," the company said in a statement Saturday.

A Boeing spokesman cautioned against applying the 70% to all 400 jets, saying that there's no way to know how many have the same problem until they're all inspected.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Switzerland (Franc)		0.9779
Euro costs (Feb. 24)	\$1.1889	Thailand (Baht)		31.55
Dollar buys (Feb. 24)	69.9018	Turkey (Lira)		6.0992
British pound (Feb. 24)	\$1.32	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)		
Japanese yen (Feb. 24)	109.00			
South Korean won (Feb. 24)	1,175.50			
Commercial rates				
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770			
British pound	\$1.2974			
Canada (Dollar)	1.3209			
China (Yuan)	7.0272			
Denmark (Krone)	6.8795			
Egypt (Pound)	15.5603			
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.0858/0.9210			
India (Rupee)	77.871			
Hungary (Forint)	3.4167			
Israel (Shekel)	3.4167			
Japan (Yen)	111.62			
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3066			
Norway (Krone)	9.2812			
Philippines (Peso)	50.88			
Poland (Zloty)	3.95			
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.95			
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3715			
South Korea (Won)	1,210.51			

INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	4.50
3-month bank deposit	1.58
6-month bank deposit	1.58
9-month bank deposit	1.58
1-year bank deposit	1.58
30-day Treasury bill	4.75

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.58
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## MILITARY

# Army seeks more homes near Hohenfels

By MARCUS KLOECKNER  
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GRAFENWOHR, Germany — The Army has asked the German government to help it find hundreds of homes near Hohenfels to house the growing number of troops coming to the training area, officials said last week.

The U.S. Armed Forces have formally requested that the German Federal Real Estate Agency (BImA) procure 200 residential units in the Hohenfels area," BImA said in a statement emailed to Stars and Stripes.

The military wants the hous-

ing to be within 30 minutes of the Hohenfels training area's main entrance, the statement said.

The training area, in the Neunmarkt district of Bavaria, is home to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, the only Army combat training center outside the U.S. for American and allied forces.

"For Exercise Combined Resolve, there are 5,100 troops that rotate every nine months for training at Hohenfels," JMRC spokeswoman Joyce Costello said.

The number of troops in Hohenfels has been rising for sev-

eral years, she said. Many of them are coming to the town with their families, BImA said in its statement.

Housing units made available to the U.S. military can be new construction or come from existing stock, BImA said.

Ten-year lease agreements would be established between the military — not individual service members — and landlords, the German agency said.

The Army is looking for around 130 four-bedroom units between 1,571 and 1,862 square feet and about 70 three-bedroom units between 1,313 and 1,625 square

feet, BImA said.

Rents charged for the properties must be in line with market rates, it said.

While data were not immediately available for average rents in Hohenfels, houses in the nearby town of Parsberg rent out for between 6.05 euros and 6.25 euros per square meter — just under 11 square feet — according to a story on the Capital.de website. That would amount to about \$1,015 per month for 1,650 square feet.

However, housing for Americans near U.S. bases tends to rent for higher prices due to demand.

An E-5 with dependents is eligible for \$1,876.49 per month in rent for the Hohenfels area, according to the military's most recent overseas housing allowance rate, which varies based on pay grade and dependent status.

A message inviting homeowners and builders to offer rental properties to the U.S. military will be published in regional newspapers by the end of the month, BImA said.

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## Osan airmen will be trained to combat parking violations

By MATTHEW KEELER  
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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — In a move to combat parking violations, Air Force leaders have resurrected a regulation allowing ordinary airmen to issue citations on this U.S. installation south of Seoul.

The program — allowed by 51st Fighter Wing Instruction 31-218 — has been on Osan's books for nearly four years and authorizes commanders across the base to appoint those outside security forces to write parking tickets after completing a mandatory two-hour training session.

As of Friday, 25 airmen have completed the training and can now issue citations.

Violations at Osan are common and sometimes blatant: parking across solid diagonal lines, parking where it's clearly not an option, parking under "No Parking" signs.

"The point of it is to enforce standards," Lt. Col. Kelly Hannum, deputy commander of the 51st Mission Support Group, told Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

"We've got parking standards for the base that need to be enforced. Our security forces can't be everywhere all the time," Hannum said. "If we have got trained, mature, parking monitors in the units that can

address issues on the spot, we want to empower them to do that."

According to the regulation, the monitors may enforce reserved parking in their areas and write tickets for illegal parking, abandonment, moving violations or for having an expired registration.

Penalties for non-moving citations range from supervisor counseling to not being allowed to drive for up to six months.

Originally designed as a walking base, Osan's shopping, dining and entertainment facilities are centralized with limited parking available. Drivers often resort to parking in spots designated for senior leaders.

"A goal of the parking program is to make parking accessible to the people who need to park when they need to park," said wing spokesman 1st Lt. Daniel de La Pé. "A commander's calendar is action-packed from restroom breaks to when they kiss family goodbye in the morning," he added. "Everything is scheduled because they are so busy. If they have a five-minute break to run in and finally get a smoothie or pick up their uniform from dry cleaning, they need to get that access quickly. There are just those few people where their work schedules require it."

Hannum said Osan is aware of its parking problem and is trying to tackle it.



MATTHEW KEELER/Stars and Stripes

**A car is illegally parked near 51st Fighter Wing headquarters at Osan Air Base, South Korea, on Tuesday.**

"Unfortunately, building parking lots and garages takes a lot of money and the Air Force military construction program is focused on the primary mission," he said.

In September, U.S. Forces Korea allowed its personnel to register up to two vehicles per sponsored person.

It was an effort to make South Korea a more appealing assignment for service members, Defense Department civilians and their families.

However, fighter wing commander Col. John Gonzales was granted an exception to

policy for Osan due to too few parking facilities and insufficient roads to accommodate potentially hundreds of more vehicles on base.

Osan has approximately 4,600 parking spaces, including a garage near the commissary, another near the exchange and two more for base residents. According to Gonzales' request, more than 8,000 vehicles are registered at Osan but many belong to those living off base.

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## New Kaiserslautern school opening delayed over fire code compliance

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The new Kaiserslautern Elementary School will not open as scheduled at the start of the next school year due to a construction delay, school officials said.

Getting the building's kitchen ventilation system to comply with U.S. fire code will push back the opening of the school indefinitely, officials said Thursday.

The school was designed to German fire code requirements and not to more stringent U.S. rules, said John Rovero, chief of facilities for Department of Defense Education Activity Europe.

The base fire department "is requiring us to meet the U.S.



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

**The new Kaiserslautern Elementary School in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The opening of the school, originally scheduled for the 2020-21 school year, has been delayed indefinitely.**

code," Rovero said, "so the system must be modified."

That process involves undoing some previously completed work and waiting for the German

building authority to provide a design change to the contractor, Rovero said.

The delay also has set back a few other steps in finishing the

building's systems, he said.

The new school, located on Kapalan Air Station, is designed for 630 students and will replace the current Kaiserslautern Elementary School.

That school comprises "outdated and undersized facilities" deemed to "hamper student education, motivation and inspiration," according to a description used to secure the \$50 million in military construction funds awarded for the project.

Groundbreaking for the new school was in September 2017. The plan was to have the school ready for students in late August. A new opening date has not been determined. DODEA-Europe spokesman Steve Smith said.

The new building is one of

several DODEA has deemed "21st-century" schools, which incorporate modern and energy-efficient design, to be built in the Kaiserslautern area.

A new elementary school opened on Vogelweh last fall and a new Kaiserslautern high school opened in fall 2018.

Both facilities have had growing pains. Black mold was discovered in one of the walls at the new high school and a water leak shut a first-grade cluster of classrooms at Vogelweh, shortly after the school opened.

School officials said at the time that the issues at both schools did not affect instruction.

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## PACIFIC

# Japanese woman admits to slaying of airman at trial

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
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**TACHIKAWA, Japan** — On the first day of her jury trial Friday in Tokyo District Court, a 28-year-old Japanese woman admitted to killing her U.S. airman boyfriend at his home near Yokota Air Base.

Aria Saito, of Tokyo, faces charges of murder and violation of Japan's Swords and Firearms Control Law in the November 2018 death of Master Sgt. Nicholas Vollweiler. The 35-year-old, who served as the Yokota security forces squadron's chief of standards and evaluation, was stabbed in the neck with an 8-inch kitchen knife.

Defense attorneys say the killing was premeditated, but prosecutors insisted Saito planned the attack. In response to a question from Presiding Judge Yu Takeshita, Saito admitted she committed the offenses in the indictment against her.

Saito was working at an adult entertainment business in June 2018 when she met Vollweiler. They began dating, vacationed together on Okinawa the next month and she began splitting her time between his house near Yokota and her mother's Tokyo home, her attorneys said.

Vollweiler was separated from his wife, who lived in Hawaii. Saito's attorneys said he did not tell Saito he was married. Vollweiler's friend, Sgt. Maj. Douglas Hansen, testified Friday that Saito knew about his marital status.

Saito's attorneys said in court she had learned of Vollweiler's marriage through social media, but Vollweiler said he planned on a divorce.

On Nov. 3 or 4 of 2018, less than a week before his death, Vollweiler broke up with Saito, saying he did not want to divorce his wife, defense attorneys said. Saito then pushed and struck Vollweiler, broke some of his belongings and tried to take loose Vollweiler's retired military working dog, Jimmy. Military police arrived and took Saito to her mother's house, Hansen said.

On Nov. 8, Saito appeared at Vollweiler's home unannounced, with two kitchen knives with 8- and 6.5-inch blades in her bag, prosecutors said. Saito's attorneys said she intended to use the knives to kill herself, not Vollweiler, but prosecutors disagreed.

In the days prior, Saito had searched Google for the terms "stab," "neck" and "fatal wound," according to printouts of her

search history presented Friday.

The following day, Saito climbed through a window at Vollweiler's house and waited for him to come home, prosecutors said. He was on the phone with his wife when he discovered Saito there and immediately hung up.

Alarmed, Vollweiler's wife contacted Hansen, who arrived with a fellow Yokota security forces officer who'd been to the house the week prior. They found Vollweiler and Saito arguing inside.

"I let [Vollweiler] know that if he needed anything that I was there for him because we were family," Hansen said. Vollweiler told the officers he was OK, and they left, still concerned, Hansen said.

"Something just did not feel right about the entire situation," he said.

Hansen and the other officer, along with Chief Master Sgt. Paul Rodgers, returned to the home. There, Rodgers told Saito she needed to leave, but gave her five minutes to say goodbye, Hansen said.

Rodgers knocked on the door again, but Saito asked for more time. Within minutes, the supervisor heard Vollweiler scream, and ran inside, Hansen said.

Hansen followed and found Saito clinging to Vollweiler's collar as he clutched his neck and tried to push her away, Hansen testified. He said he attended to Vollweiler while Rodgers apprehended Saito and asked her why she stabbed him.

"She said, 'I wanted to kill him, then kill myself,'" Hansen testified. "I heard it as clear as day."

They arrested Saito just before 8 p.m., and Vollweiler was pronounced dead an hour later at a local hospital, prosecutors said.

Defense attorneys argued events that day exceeded Saito's ability to cope with them, and that her Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder prevented her from controlling her actions and emotions.

Saito was "emotionally unstable" and "fragile more than others," the defense attorney said, adding that she had low self-worth.

The trial is scheduled to continue Tuesday. Witnesses expected to testify include Rodgers, a coroner and a psychologist who will speak about Saito's mental state.

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**Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daniel Blair guides Staff Sgt. William McAtee as he unloads Meals, Ready to Eat from a Japan Ground Self-Defense Force truck Friday at Yokota Air Base, Japan.**

## US, Japanese troops take part in disaster relief exercise

BY JOSEPH DITZLER  
Stars and Stripes

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan** — A small group of U.S. airmen and Japanese troops met inside a hangar here Friday to prepare for the next disaster relief effort in a nation prone to earthquakes and typhoons.

Yokota's 34th Airlift Wing participated for the first time in Japan's annual, nationwide Joint Bilateral Disaster Relief Exercise, which the Air Force calls Tomodachi Rescue Exercise, or TREX, said Capt. Jason Le Pré, of Owings, Md., the pilot and deputy mission commander.

Tomodachi — "friend" in Japanese — recalls the monthslong, \$90 million relief operation of the same name that the U.S. Air Force undertook after a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and 130-foot-high tsunami devastated northeastern

Japan in March 2011.

Both nations joined to help the tens of thousands of Japanese citizens left homeless by the disasters. More than 20,000 were believed killed and another 2,500 went missing. The annual bilateral exercise grew from that effort.

Friday's drill involved the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force driving 10,000 Meals, Ready to Eat to a Yokota hangar in three trucks, said JGSDF Capt. Hideyuki Hotsuki through a translator. The trucks arrived within a prescribed time window from several locations.

U.S. airmen with a forklift unloaded the trucks, staged the stacks of MREs on pallets designed for airlift and prepared them for loading onto one of Yokota's C-130J Super Hercules.

The MREs were bound the next day to Komaki Air Base, a Japan Air Self-Defense airfield north of

Nagoya, Le Pré said.

"We're trying to use this exercise as an opportunity to see what type of coordination, what additional coordination is needed and see where any hang-ups are along the process," he said.

The loadmaster — Staff Sgt. Marcus Wright, of Charlotte, N.C. — said the Japanese forces also employ C-130s. Delivery is pretty much routine, he added.

"Once they brought it here, it was easy to transfer to our platforms," Wright said.

Military spouse Yuko Carlan, a native of Nagoya, volunteered to serve as translator between the Japanese and American troops. Tech. Sgt. Daniel Blair of Sarasota, Fla., worked with Staff Sgt. William McAtee, the forklift driver, to unload the Japanese trucks.

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## 2 fired for toxic environment in Hawaii

BY WYATT OLSON  
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**PORT SHAFTER, Hawaii** — The commander and chief master sergeant heading security forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam were removed from their positions Tuesday for fostering a toxic work environment.

Lt. Col. Christopher Robinson and Chief Master Sgt. Justin Crockett of the 647th Security Forces Squadron were "relieved following an investigation which revealed failures in leadership that led to a toxic work environment," Staff Sgt. Nicholas Brown, a 15th Wing spokesman, said in a statement provided to Stars and Stripes on Thursday. The wing has oversight of the security

forces.

Both men have been reassigned, he said.

Col. Tammie Harris, the 647th Air Base Group commander, relieved Robinson, who took command in July 2018, "for lack of confidence in his ability to effectively command," while Crockett was removed "for his role in creating a toxic work environment," Brown said.

"Harris determined the command team did not take appropriate actions to enable and grow the appropriate organizational culture across all levels within the squadron," he said. "The investigation will not be released at this time to protect the privacy and due process rights of the airmen

involved."

Another base official, who had knowledge of the matter but was not authorized to speak publicly, said Crockett had created "issues with morale or disrespecting personnel — either supervisors or those under his supervision."

Lt. Col. Melissa Hull was designated acting commander of the 647th, Brown said. She was previously the Security Forces Division Deputy at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces.

The 647th is composed of Navy and Air Force service members, civilians and contractors, but the base does not publicly release their number.

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## MILITARY



Photos by David Edge/Stars and Stripes

The Ramstein cheer squad used strong tumbling and a flag as part of its routine during the DODEA-Europe Cheer Tournament held at the Clay Kaserne Fitness Center on Saturday.

## 17 DODEA-Europe cheer squads compete for 25th tournament title

By DAVID EDGE  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Clay Kaserne Fitness Center was turned into a loud and boisterous spirit-filled atmosphere Saturday as 17 cheer squads from across DODEA-Europe competed in the 25th Annual Cheer Tournament.

The winners:

### Division I

#### Ramstein

Division I was action packed. Wiesbaden and defending champions Stuttgart were favored to snatch the crown, but it was Ramstein squad that would take the title.

"I feel like we have been the underdogs for so long, it felt like we had to put in more work to get the same respect as some of the other squads," team captain Samantha Snoka said. "We were willing to put in the work and it totally paid off for us."

### Division II

#### ROTA

Division II came down to which squad could land a clean performance.

When four-time defending champion ROTA hit the mat, the Admirals knew that they just needed to be clean and they would be crowned for the fifth straight time.

"There was so much work. We practice six times and on Saturdays we have two or three practices," team captain Savannah Matteson said. "We put a lot of



The ROTA cheer squad used signs as part of its routine during the DODEA-Europe Cheer Tournament.



The Wiesbaden cheer squad used strong partner stunts and signs. The Warriors placed second for the second year in a row.

effort practicing over two hours a day with a lot of blood sweat and tears."

### Division III

#### Spangdahlem

The competition started with a bang, as the Division III squads hit the mat to prove that their small cheer squads could rock the crowd. Two-time Division III

runner-up Spangdahlem finally took the top spot with a clean and energy-packed performance.

"Coming here we had so much doubt in ourselves, we have a new coach and only four returning members, we really were not expecting to win," co-captain Ash-ton Abernathy said. "It was just unreal to hear Spangdahlem's name be called as the winner."

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# Ex-Army spouse pleads guilty in assault of son

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY  
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WASHINGTON — A former military spouse pleaded guilty Friday to assaulting her infant son and lying about it while she was living in Germany with her ex-husband who was serving in the Army, the Justice Department announced.

Baillie Rachelle Dickenson, also known as Baillie Hannah, 29, pleaded guilty in the Western District of Missouri to one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury and one count of making a false statement to a federal law enforcement officer, according to a Justice Department statement.

In 2016, Baillie Dickenson was living with her then-husband, Derreck Dickenson, who was an enlisted soldier serving in Kaiserslautern, Germany. As part of her guilty plea, she admitted she and her husband brought their 2-month-old son to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's emergency room on March 12, 2016. The child, identified as D.D. in the statement, was found with numerous bruises on his face and body.

"Further examination of D.D. at [Landstuhl Regional Medical Center] and a local German hospital revealed that D.D. had suffered a massive brain injury, numerous broken bones that were in various stages of healing and many retinal hemorrhages,"

according to the statement.

The couple claimed to medical personnel that they believed the injuries were caused when their 16-month-old daughter had fallen onto D.D. while both children were taking a nap.

Baillie Dickenson continued to make this claim in interviews and written statements to medical personnel and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command special agents, according to the statement.

On May 30, 2017, she was interviewed by the FBI about D.D.'s injuries and it was then that Baillie admitted that sometime before the hospital visit she had squeezed her son "into her chest too hard causing his rib fractures."

She will be sentenced once a U.S. district judge accepts her plea, according to the statement.

Her ex-husband Derreck Dickenson pleaded guilty Dec. 11 to one count of obstruction and one count of false statements. He has not been sentenced yet.

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## Chinese man arrested for photographing base

KEY WEST, Fla. — A Chinese man has pleaded guilty to taking photographs of a U.S. Navy base in the Florida Keys.

The Miami Herald reports Lyuyou Liao, 27, appeared in U.S. District Court in Key West two months after he was arrested using a cellphone to take photos in a restricted area of the Naval Air Station known as the Truman Annex.

Liao was arrested and charged with entering Naval property for the purpose of photographing defense installations.

On Friday, Liao pleaded guilty to one count of photographing or sketching defense installations. He now faces up to one year in prison.

Liao's arrest on Dec. 26 is similar to the cases of three other Chinese nationals who were also caught taking photos at the Key West base.

From The Associated Press

## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Italy cancels Venice Carnival to try to halt spread of virus

Associated Press

CODOGNO, Italy — Italy stepped up measures Sunday to ban public gatherings amid rapidly rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the country and a third death from the virus, calling off the famed Venice Carnival attended by thousands of revelers.

The decision to call off the Carnival was announced by Veneto regional Gov. Luca Zaia as the numbers of confirmed coronavirus cases soared to 152, the largest number outside Asia.

"The ordinance is immediately operative and will go into effect at midnight," said Zaia, whose area includes Venice, where thousands packed St. Mark's Square. Carnival would have run through Tuesday.

Bus, trains and other forms of public transport — including boats in Venice — were being disinfected, Zaia told reporters. Museums, a top tourist draw anytime of the year, were also ordered to

shut down after Sunday in Venice. The shutdown is expected to last at least through March 1.

Authorities said three people in Venice have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, all of them in their late 80s and who are hospitalized in critical condition. Zaia said among those infected was a nurse.

Nearly all of Italy's 152 confirmed cases are clustered in the north, with 110 in Lombardy and others in the regions of Veneto, Emilia Romagna and Piedmont. Only two cases have been found in the south, a Chinese couple in Rome earlier this month.

The death on Sunday of an elderly woman, who was already suffering from cancer and who contracted the virus, raised the nation's death toll to three, said Lombardy regional official Giulio Gallera. All three deaths occurred in the north.

Authorities expressed frustration that they haven't been able

to track down the source of the virus spread in the north, which surfaced last week when an Italian man in Codogno, in his late 30s, became critically ill.

For now, Angelo Borrelli, head of the national Civil Protection agency, told reporters in Rome, the strategy is to concentrate on closures and other restrictions to try to stem the spread in the country, which already had taken such measures early on in the global virus alarm, including banning direct flights from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau. Italy has also tested millions of airport passengers arriving from other places for any signs of fever.

In Lombardy, the hardest-hit region with 90 cases, schools and universities were ordered to stay closed in the coming days, and sporting events were canceled. Lombardy's ban on public events also extended to Masses in churches in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

In Turin, the main city of the



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**A woman wearing a mask passes by a police car that is checking movements to and from the cordoned area in Casalpusterfero, Northern Italy, on Sunday.**

northern Piedmont region, a least three cases were diagnosed. That region also announced the closure of all schools and universities.

The biggest jump in confirmed

cases of COVID-19 was reported by authorities in Lombardy, a populous region which includes the country's financial capital, Milan.

## Walker: Soldiers diverted from usual duties to act as health screeners

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Civilians have been encouraged to follow the same guidance. Basic entry restrictions have been tightened to forbid most visitors, although authorized South Koreans were allowed to come to work.

Col. Edward Ballanco, the garrison's commander, said precautions were necessary but there was no reason to panic.

"We don't know of a single American or Korean who has tested positive who has stepped foot on a U.S. installation," he told Stars and Stripes during an interview at his office on Saturday. "And that remains true here in Daegu even with the outbreak."

The garrison, which oversees Camp Walker and several other installations in the region, also has implemented health checks at the gates. Soldiers screen all entrants with a questionnaire about possible exposure to the respiratory virus and temperature checks.

However, the military lacks the ability to do its own testing for coronavirus on post so suspected cases have to be sent to local hospitals.

Officials were struggling to facilitate the needs of a community finding itself essentially on lockdown.

Face masks with the ability to filter pathogens were disappearing from the shelves of base stores within an hour of delivery.

Schools that were shuttered last week were to remain closed at least through Friday as a precautionary measure, the Department of Defense Education Activity said late Sunday. Ballanco said earlier that online classes were being considered as an alternative.

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Pvt. Hector Mercado

Chaplains held virtual church services Sunday on the garrison's Facebook page.

The commissary extended the number of days it's open next week. Businesses asked customers to use hand sanitizer before entering.

And several soldiers and medics were diverted from their usual duties to act as health screeners at the gates, in addition to the usual guards who check IDs. They used thermal thermometers to avoid touching people.

Anybody with symptoms, which are similar to the flu, was encouraged to first call a hotline at the military hospital on Camp Humphreys. Tests were being routed through local hospitals.

"We are not testing the soldiers on post; we're sending them off post to test," Ballanco said in response to a question on Sunday.

The spike in infections followed weeks of relatively low numbers in South Korea after the coronavirus appeared in China in December, killing more than 2,000 people on the mainland before spreading to other countries.

South Korea's Center for Disease Control said Sunday that more than half of the country's infections were linked to a secretive religious movement called the Shincheonji Church of Jesus

the Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony, which has a chapter about a mile from one of Camp Walker's gates in Daegu.

The usually crowded sidewalks in the city of 2.5 million people were mostly empty this weekend, and nearly everybody who ventured out wore face masks.

U.S. Forces Korea raised the risk level for the military community to moderate earlier this week but insisted on Sunday that "there remains zero confirmed cases of USFK personnel with COVID-19."

It also put several facilities off-limits near the main U.S. base Camp Humphreys after a case was confirmed in the surrounding area of Pyeongtaek.

"When I first heard about the virus I really wasn't giving it so much thought," Pvt. Hector Mercado said Saturday in between checking drivers lined up to enter Camp Walker. "However, once it hit Korea, once it hit Seoul and once it hit Daegu, then I was like OK this is real."

"I'm not scared, but I am worried because this is causing a lot of harm, and it's something you can't see. It's something you can't touch," the 23-year-old Puerto Rican said. "It's not like somebody is attacking you."

Mercado said he would nor-

mally spend the weekend with his South Korean girlfriend, but he had to settle for video phone chats.

"We can only go from one base to another. For me it's very limiting because I like to be outside, be in the coffeeshops and get to know the culture," he said. "So, it's a little frustrating, it's a little irritating, but it is what it is."

The garrison commander noted the military already has a well-developed evacuation plan to remove civilians from the divided peninsula if needed due to the threat from North Korea.

"We're not there yet. I mean it's something we're capable of doing," Ballanco said Saturday after apologizing for not shaking hands to avoid any chance of contamination.

He stressed that the military has advantages in preventing the virus.

"One, our population is a healthy one. We're outside a lot. We're mostly fit," he said. "We also have the ability to seclude ourselves from the population quite a bit."

Pvt. Dajia Gillam, 22, of Atlanta, said she and her buddies were cooking and watching movies in the barracks instead of going out in the city as they usually would on a weekend.

"Daegu is very ghost-town like," she said on Saturday.

Sgt. Joseph Ewala, 22, of Long Island, N.Y., said the bases had plenty of entertainment to keep people busy, including restaurants, a bowling alley, bar and grill and theaters.

"At least people can still go out and do something even though they can't leave post, so it's not horrible honestly," he said. "I

have a feeling it will probably get worse with the strict rules and the lockdown, but at this moment it's not horrible."

Jennifer Long, an Army wife who teaches at the temporarily closed child development center, said she's enjoying time with her infant daughter.

"I'm not in panic mode," she said after grocery shopping at the commissary on Saturday. "But I would not go off post right now just because I have such a small one, and because we don't know who has this or where it's been, so I feel safer on post right now."

Jacky Porter, 51, is trying to stay in her apartment outside the gates as much as possible, although she waited for nearly three hours for a new shipment of masks to arrive at the post exchange on Saturday.

"I just come to the PX and the commissary, buy what I need and then drive home," she said, wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the word "OK."

Melinda Shonk, who lives with her soldier husband and five children in family housing, recalled the start of the Daegu outbreak on Wednesday. She and her daughter were walking back to base after buying ice cream in the city.

"Everybody had masks on and was looking at us like we were crazy. Moms were pulling their kids out of the way as we were walking down the street," she said. "We didn't have masks on because we were licking our ice cream cones, and they were walking around us like we had the plague."

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## WAR/MILITARY

# US leads training exercises in West Africa

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THIES, Senegal — Crouching in the sparse brush, maneuvering into formations through a divide, and then shooting at a target, about 10 soldiers from Burkina Faso are among a select group of African soldiers being trained to battle West Africa's fast-growing extremist threat.

They are carrying out drills as part of the U.S. military-led annual counterterrorism exercise in West Africa, which this year takes place in the shadow of possible U.S. troop cuts in Africa although extremist attacks in the region have reached a worrying new level.

A Pentagon decision on the size of the U.S. force in Africa is pending as part of a global review with the aim of better countering Russia and China.

More than 1,500 service members from the armies of 34 African and partner training nations have assembled for the Flintlock exercises in Senegal and Mauritania, the two countries in West Africa's sprawling Sahel region that so far have not been hit by violence from extremists linked to al-Qaida or the Islamic State.

The U.S. Africa Command, which organizes the two weeks of training, defers questions about the possible troop cuts to the Pentagon. It has said European nations should step up to help



CHEIKH A.T. SWAP

**Dutch special forces supervise Burkina Faso paratroopers during a U.S. military-led annual counterterrorism exercise in Thies, Senegal, on Tuesday.**

France's 5,000-strong force leading the counterterrorist fight in the Sahel, the region just below the Sahara Desert. French leaders have appealed to Washington to keep U.S. troops in place.

Senegalese Foreign Minister Amadou Ba during a visit last week by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made it clear the region is under threat.

"We hope they will continue

to support in security areas. We hope they will continue to support us in training and intelligence," he said of U.S. forces.

Extremists know no boundaries, Col. Magatte Ndiaye, a spokesman for Senegal's armed forces, told The Associated Press. "We must have a synergy of international action to face this threat," he said.

"We have trust in the Ameri-

cans," he added. "They are aware of the situation and I'm sure they'll make a decision that makes good sense."

Security in the Sahel region continues to deteriorate and requires international participation, said the commander of Special Operations Command Africa, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Dagvin Anderson. "It's not just a U.S. or Western effort. It takes partner-

ships across the international community, and it takes close partnership within the region in order to be effective," he said.

Extremists don't respect borders, so intelligence sharing is vital, he said. That involves building trust and relationships across borders: "Ultimately, that's what leads to stability, and that stability is what we need."

But a five-nation regional counterterrorism force, the G5 Sahel, has suffered from insufficient funding.

In Burkina Faso, which has seen a growing number of attacks as extremists move over the border from Mali and Niger, the military has been accused by human rights groups of abuses in counterterror efforts that risk alienating young people and sending them to join the extremists.

Burkina Faso's military needs more training to fight against growing extremism, said Lt. David Ouedraogo, who leads the group of Burkinabe soldiers training as special forces. His forces will be deployed to hold the line against the extremists' expansion southward toward the capital.

"We must always adapt and continue training," he said as his team ran drills led by the Dutch. "The threat has changed — the attacks on positions, the attacks on military camps and on civilians. This is all a threat that has grown against our country."

## Forces: Military in Africa concerned over teaming up of major extremists

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and dominating villages with surprising force, according to interviews with more than a dozen senior officials and military leaders from the United States, France and West Africa.

The groups are not declaring "caliphates," so as to avoid scrutiny from the West, officials said, buying time to train, gather force and plot attacks that could ultimately reach major international targets.

A coalition of al-Qaida loyalists called JNIM has as many as 2,000 fighters in West Africa, according to a U.S. report released this month. The Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, which staged the 2017 attack that killed four American soldiers in Niger, is also thought to be hundreds strong and recruiting combatants in northeastern Mali.

"This cancer will spread far beyond here if we don't fight together to end it," said Gen. Ibrahim Fane, secretary-general of Mali's ministry of defense, whose country has lost more than 100 soldiers in routine clashes since October.

The warnings come as the Pentagon weighs pulling forces from West Africa, where about 1,400 troops provide intelligence and drone support, among other forms of military help. About 4,400 American troops are based in East Africa, where the U.S. military advises African forces fighting in Somalia.

At a U.S.-led training exercise this week

in coastal Mauritania, officials said the Defense Department has made no decision as it considers shifting resources to the Asia-Pacific region to counter China and Russia.

France, which has about 4,500 troops in West Africa — the most of any foreign partner by far — has urged the United States to stay in the battle and other European powers to step up.

While al-Qaida and ISIS are enemies in Syria and Yemen, allegiances in West Africa tend to be more fluid, bolstered by tribal ties and practical concerns rather than ideology. The affiliates have common foes — the West and local governments from which they're trying to wrest control, the military leaders said.

U.S. officials have long worried about the possibility of alliances between the world's most notorious terrorist organizations, and the concerns have intensified in the months since the collapse of ISIS' self-declared caliphate in Iraq and Syria.

American agencies watched late last year as al-Qaida and ISIS affiliates launched a seemingly coordinated campaign to isolate Ouagadougou, the capital in Burkina Faso, by periodically seizing control of highways into the city of 2.2 million, said a counterterrorism official in Washington who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive intelligence assessments.

They bombed bridges and attacked military convoys, managing to halt transit until government forces arrived to reopen



DANIELLE PAQUETTE/The Washington Post

**Burkinabe special forces practice responding to attacks at a military training exercise run by the United States in Thies, Senegal, on Wednesday.**

the roads, the official said.

The extremists are "more organized and they're more mobile," said a high-ranking French military official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss military assessments. "They're carrying out professional attacks like we've never seen."

The militants, the officials said, have employed a more "complex" approach to grabbing power, according to unclassified U.S. Africa Command slides obtained by The Washington Post. They're destroying infrastructure, assassinating local leaders and emptying key army posts in coordinated strikes to separate people from the government.

The militants see an opportunity to drill Islamist values into one of the youngest and fastest-growing populations on Earth, military leaders in the region said. They aim to shape new fundamentalist societ-

ies: no art, no popular music, no sports, no modern education.

Militants recruit youth in the vulnerable countryside with stacks of cash, he said, or at gunpoint after burning villages to dust. They provoke ethnic feuds and then offer protection. They slip through porous borders from one country to another.

Leaders are known to meet in forested hideouts — particularly near the tri-state border of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso — to plan ambushes, share intelligence and exchange battle tips, including how to make roadside bombs, Malian army leaders say.

The militants are gaining ground, said Gen. Oumar Dao, chief of staff for the Malian president.

"We can't afford to lose any help," he said. "This is a matter of basic survival."

## NATION



BRIANA SANCHEZ, THE EL PASO TIMES/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., with his wife, Jane O'Meara Sanders, waves during a rally in El Paso, Texas, on Saturday.

# Sanders' path has echoes of Trump's 2016 campaign

By JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A burn-it-down candidate is topping a splintered field of more moderate contenders and setting the party's establishment wing on edge.

## ANALYSIS

It's how Donald Trump began his unlikely road to the Republican nomination in 2016. And four years later, it's how Sen. Bernie Sanders has cemented himself as the front-runner for the Democratic nomination.

The Vermont senator won his second straight contest on Saturday with a convincing victory in Nevada, the first racially diverse state on the primary calendar, after winning the New Hampshire primary the week before. He also effectively tied for first place in the opening contest in Iowa.

Sanders' surge has energized his legion of liberal supporters, including young people drawn to his calls for a government-run health care system and eliminating student debt. But it's sparked an outcry from rival campaigns and other moderate Democrats that mirrors the worries of Republicans who tried, but failed, to block Trump's path in 2016.

They warn that Sanders, a self-declared democratic socialist, can't win in the general election. They warn that he would badly damage Democratic congressional candidates facing tough competition in swing states. And they warn that his nomination is all but inevitable unless other candidates start dropping out and stop splitting up the anti-Sanders vote.

"Moderates need to either consolidate or see Bernie run away with it," said Maria Cardona, a Democratic strategist. "It's time for some decisions or live with the outcome."

But none of Sanders' rivals appears ready to make those tough decisions. And there are no real

party elders who can step in to help cut the field.

And so, the Democratic field is expected to stay crowded, despite the realization among many campaigns that time is running out to stop Sanders. If he amasses a significant delegate lead in the Super Tuesday contests on March 3, when big prizes like California and Texas are up for grabs, it could be impossible for other candidates to stop his march to the nomination.

Advisers to multiple Democratic campaigns privately conceded on Saturday that they expect up to five other candidates to remain in the race through Super Tuesday: former Vice President Joe Biden, Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar, Pete Buttigieg and Mike Bloomberg.

Bloomberg, the billionaire former New York mayor, isn't competing in the first four contests but is blitzing the airwaves with an unprecedented amount of primary advertising in the Super Tuesday states and beyond. But his shock-and-awe entry into the race was tempered by a shaky performance in last week's Democratic debate.

Bloomberg is among the most aggressive candidates in warning about the risks of Sanders' nomination. His campaign said Saturday that the Nevada results underscore that a "fragmented field" is putting the Vermont senator on pace for the nomination — despite the fact that Bloomberg's candidacy is only fragmenting the field further.

He's far from the only candidate who sees himself as the solution to the Sanders dilemma, and the rest of the field as the problem.

"We're alive and we're coming back and we're going to win," said Biden, who was on track to finish a distant second to Sanders in Nevada after dismal showings in the opening states.

Biden is hoping to claim his first victory next week in South Carolina, the first state to vote

with a significant percentage of black voters, who make up the backbone of the Democratic Party. He'll likely need that victory to be a resounding one, both to ease voters' anxieties about his own rocky start and to draw out wealthy donors who have been reluctant to support his candidacy.

As the Nevada results came in, Klobuchar, who seemed consigned to a single-digit finish, also vowed to keep going forward. So did Warren, who hasn't finished higher than third in the first three contests.

"We have a lot of states to go and right now I feel the momentum. So let's stay in this fight," Warren said during a rally in Washington state, which votes on March 10.

Warren's rationale for staying in the race hinges on her strong debate performance last week, which re-energized her campaign and, crucially, her fundraising. But her campaign advisers have not publicly identified which states they believe they can win in the next round of voting.

Then there's Buttigieg, the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Ind. He's gotten the closest to defeating Sanders in the early contests, virtually tying him in Iowa and finishing less than two percentage points behind in New Hampshire. Those results, he argued on Saturday, prove that he is the best candidate to take on Sanders down the stretch.

But the outcome in Nevada, where Buttigieg was in third place, raises questions about his viability in the more diverse states that are up next on the primary calendar. He's struggling in particular with black voters, according to public polling.

Sanders, for his part, is relishing both his front-runner status and the anxiousness it's creating among his more moderate rivals.

Like Trump, he's been afraid to challenge his own party's traditional assumptions about what it takes to win both the primary and the general election.

# Sanders wins Nevada, takes national Dem lead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders' commanding Nevada caucus victory made him a top target for his Democratic rivals and a growing source of anxiety for establishment Democrats worried that the nomination of a self-avowed democratic socialist could cost the party the White House.

Sanders' win solidified his front-runner status in the crowded field as the race turns to Saturday's presidential primary in South Carolina, where his moderate opponents will scramble to try to blunt the Vermont senator's momentum. Just three days after that contest, states vote on Super Tuesday, March 3, when one-third of the delegates are awarded.

A strong showing in those states could put Sanders on a glide path to the nomination against Republican President Donald Trump.

That prospect has amplified concerns for Democrats who believe Sanders' liberal policies will drive away moderate and independent voters in the general election in November. South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn, the top-ranking black member in Congress, warned of added risk for Democrats if Sanders was the nominee.

"I think it would be a real burden for us in these states or congressional districts that we have to do well in," Clyburn told "This Week on ABC."

He added that congressional districts that helped Democrats win back the House are moderate and conservative.

Sanders' campaign argue the candidate will bring in new voters — largely progressives, young people and voters of color — who have been alienated by politics.

He successfully relied on that coalition Saturday to dominate his Democratic rivals in Nevada, pulling far ahead of second-place finisher former Vice President Joe Biden and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Ind., who came in third. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren landed in fourth, while Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Tom Steyer were still in a close race for fifth on Sunday.

"We are bringing our people together," Sanders said Saturday night. "In Nevada we have just brought together a multigenerational, multiracial coalition which is not only going to win in Nevada, it's going to sweep this country." Joe Biden's net status was clear as both Buttigieg and Biden went after him harder than they have before.

In his speech to supporters in Las Vegas, Buttigieg denounced Sanders in his sharpest terms yet, charging the state senator was calling for an "inflexible, ide-

logical revolution that leaves out most Democrats."

"Not to mention most Americans," Buttigieg said.

Biden, whose struggling campaign got only a slight boost in Nevada, took an indirect swipe both billionaire candidate Mike Bloomberg and Sanders, who is an independent and not a member of the party he's seeking to represent in November.

"I ain't a socialist. I'm not a plutocrat. I'm a Democrat," Biden told supporters.

But some Democrats are worried that the new focus on Sanders may be too little, too late. Democratic strategist James Carville bemoaned the fact that until recently, most of Sanders' opponents have largely failed to attack Sanders or draw scrutiny to his record.

Independent is the nominee, Carville said, "the risk in losing the election is deep and profound." He added: "We just gotta pray."

Indeed, Trump gloated on social media, continuing his weeklong push to sow discord between Sanders and his Democratic rivals. "Look, like Craig, Bernie is doing well in the Great State of Nevada. Biden & the rest look weak," Trump tweeted. "Congratulations Bernie, & don't let them take it away from you!"

All the Democratic candidates are pledging to stay in the race through South Carolina, and some candidates were already campaigning Sunday in Super Tuesday states.

Nevada's caucuses were the first chance for White House hopefuls to demonstrate appeal to a diverse group of voters in a state far more representative of the country as a whole than Iowa and New Hampshire. Sanders won by rallying his fiercely loyal base and tapping into support from the state's large Latino community.

Saturday's win built on his victory earlier this month in the New Hampshire primary. He essentially tied for first place in the Iowa caucuses with Buttigieg, who has sought to position himself as an ideological counter to Sanders' unabashedly progressive policies.

But for all the energy and attention devoted to the first three states, they award only a tiny fraction of the delegates needed to capture the nomination. After South Carolina, the contest becomes national in scope, putting a premium on candidates who have the resources to compete in states as large as California and Texas.

That's when Bloomberg, the former New York mayor who dominated the political conversation this week after a poor debate-stage debut, intends to become a factor on skipping the first four contests.



## NATION

# Second person in days killed by Mardi Gras float

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** — A man was struck and killed by a Mardi Gras float during a raucous Saturday night street parade in New Orleans, becoming the second person in days killed along a parade route during this year's Carnival season, authorities said.

The man was fatally injured just before 7 p.m. as the popular Krewe of Endymion was rolling, New Orleans police said in a statement. He was pronounced dead at the scene, and the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office was to release his name and cause of death after completing an autopsy and notifying his family.

The remainder of Endymion's parade was scrapped Saturday evening. Police said that 13 floats had already gone ahead when the accident occurred with the 14th float in the formation. Remaining floats that followed, along with marching groups, were diverted from the accident scene on Canal Street, a wide route popular with parade viewers in the Mississippi

River port city.

The float was cordoned off by police on horseback and on foot. All around, streets were strewn with tossed bead necklaces and trinkets thrown from the floats, along with other party debris. A somber mood had taken hold of members of the parade group, TV stations reported.

The fatality came as New Orleans was still mourning the death of a 58-year-old woman who was run over by a parade float Wednesday night, witnesses said. Mayor LaToya Cantrell said Saturday night that the south Louisiana city was grieving.

"To be confronted with such tragedy a second time at the height of our Carnival celebrations seems an unimaginable burden to bear. The City and the people of New Orleans will come together, we will grieve together, and we will persevere together," Cantrell said in a statement. "Our hearts break for those lost and for their loved ones, and our prayers and deepest sympathies are with them."



MAX BECHERER, THE (NEW ORLEANS) ADVOCATE/AP

**A police officer works the scene where a man was reportedly hit and killed by a float of the Krewe of Endymion parade in the runup to Mardi Gras in New Orleans.**

## Multiple deaths in San Diego bus rollover

The San Diego Union-Tribune

**NORTH COUNTY, Calif.** — A charter bus rolled down an embankment off a rain-slicked Interstate 15 in North San Diego County Saturday morning, killing three people and injuring 18.

The crash occurred in the southbound lanes south of state Route 76 about 10:20 a.m., according to the North County Fire Protection District.

The bus, carrying adults and children, had departed from the Los Angeles area and was headed to San Ysidro, said California Highway Patrol Officer Mark Lattulippe.

It was raining when the bus driver swerved and lost control. The vehicle slid down an embankment and landed on its roof, said Lattulippe.



DON BOOMER, THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE/AP

**A bus rolled down an embankment off Interstate 15 in North San Diego County Saturday, killing several people and injuring others.**

Three people died at the scene, with one of the deceased still trapped inside the bus, said Fire Chief Stephen Abbott. Eighteen others were transported to hospitals: Palomar Medical Center, Temecula Valley Hospital and

Inland Valley Medical Center, officials said.

The bus driver, a man from Whittier, suffered minor injuries and initially remained at the scene, Lattulippe said. He was later taken to a station for questioning.

## Wells Fargo to pay \$3B to resolve fake account probes

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Wells Fargo agreed Friday to pay \$3 billion to settle criminal and civil investigations into a long-running practice where company employees opened millions of unauthorized bank accounts in order to meet unrealistic sales goals.

Since the fake-accounts scandal came to light in 2016, Wells Fargo has paid out billions in fines to state and federal regulators, reshuffled its board of directors and seen two CEOs and other top-level executives leave the company.

"Wells Fargo traded its hard-earned reputation for short-term profits" said U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna for the Central District of California.

Before the scandal broke, Wells Fargo was considered to have a sterling reputation among the big banks.

Bank executives referred to its branches as "stores," and once had a policy of trying to get each Wells Fargo customer to have eight financial products with the company.

Behind the scenes, Wells' top management was pushing sales goals that were both aggressive and unrealistic.

Bank employees were berated for not making bloated quotas, sometimes leading to mental health breakdowns, and ultimately resulting in many employees gaining the bank's sales system in order to meet the targets.

For example a number of Wells Fargo customers, notably the elderly, were signed up for online banking when they did not have internet access.

The behavior by Wells' employees caused damage to customers' credit scores and cost some of them money in fees.

The documents that lay out the charges against Wells Fargo lean on the behavior of "Executive A," described as the head of Wells' community bank business and the regional bank division from 2002 until 2017.

Carrie Tolstedt held those positions during that time period. Tolstedt was aware of employees using false means to achieve sales goals as early as 2004, according to the DOJ.

"Ms. Tolstedt acted appropriately and in good faith at all times, and the effort to scapegoat her is both unfair and unfounded," said Enu Mainigi, a lawyer for Tolstedt.

The settlement with the Department of Justice covers Wells Fargo as a company, and the DOJ could still go after individuals for violating bank laws.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, one of the nation's bank regulators, fined several of Wells' former top executives earlier this year for their role in the scandal.

Current Wells Fargo CEO Charles Scharf has staked his early reputation on resolving all of the bank's legal questions.

## Hero in Hanukkah attack declining \$20K reward from groups over Zionism

**WEST NYACK, N.Y.** — An Orthodox Jewish man credited as a hero for attacking a knife-wielding man who stabbed five people during the Hanukkah celebration north of New York City is refusing to take a \$20,000 reward from established Jewish groups because he considers them Zionists, according to a rabbi who knows him.

Officials with the Jewish Federation of the Anti-Defamation League told The Journal News that they were caught off guard

by Josef Gluck's decision to turn down the reward, the newspaper reported Friday.

"The reward would have been for anybody who offered information that would lead to an arrest," said Miriam Allenson, spokesperson for the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Rockland County. "That was what was on our minds."

Allenson said that there were no strings with the money and that the groups had "no idea" regarding Gluck's decision to turn

away the funds.

The reward presentation event was scheduled for Feb. 6, but Gluck said that he had a family emergency, Allenson said.

Rabbi David Feldman of Monsey said that Gluck's decision stems from the discomfort he and some other Hasidic and ultra-Orthodox Jews have with organizations like the Jewish Federation and Anti-Defamation League.

From The Associated Press

## NATION

# High court to hear arguments on critical pipeline permit

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — When plans for the 605-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline were first unveiled in 2014, supporters of the natural gas project brimmed with enthusiasm and promises.

The pipeline would bring natural gas from West Virginia to growing markets in Virginia and North Carolina, and with it, would come economic development, thousands of jobs and reduced energy costs for consumers, supporters said.

Since then, the project has faced one setback after another, with legal challenges brought by environmental groups — prompting the dismissal or suspension of eight permits and halting construction for more than a year.

Now, three years behind schedule, with a price tag that has nearly doubled to \$8 billion, the project is headed to the U.S. Supreme Court for a hearing Monday on a critical permit.

Backed by the Trump administration, the project developers — Dominion Energy and Duke Energy — will ask the high court to reverse a federal appeals court ruling that threw out a permit needed for the pipeline to cross two national forests, including

parts of the Appalachian Trail, the historic footpath that stretches from Georgia to Maine.

In its ruling, a three-judge panel of the Richmond-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sharply criticized the U.S. Forest Service for granting a special-use permit to build the pipeline through parts of the George Washington and Monongahela National Forests, and to cross the Appalachian Trail.

The court found that the Forest Service did not have the statutory authority to approve the trail crossing and said the agency had “abdicated its responsibility to preserve national forest resources.”

The question before the Supreme Court is whether the Forest Service has authority to grant rights-of-way for gas pipelines through lands crossed by the Appalachian Trail within national forests.

The project developers, joined by U.S. Solicitor General Noel Francisco, say the answer is yes, arguing the Forest Service is the agency that holds jurisdiction over land in the George Washington National Forest. But the environmental groups say the answer is no because the 2,200-mile scenic trail is considered a unit

of the National Park System and only Congress can approve such a crossing.

In its ruling, the 4th Circuit found that the Forest Service had “serious environmental concerns” about the project that were “suddenly, and mysteriously, assuaged in time to meet a private pipeline company’s deadlines.”

Environmental groups say the pipeline would scar pristine landscapes, put numerous rivers and streams at risk of increased sedimentation and harm sensitive species.

Dominion has some heavy-hitters on its side, with support from 18 state attorneys general, more than 60 members of Congress, trade associations and labor unions.

A host of environmentalists, land owners and communities along the pipeline route have urged the Supreme Court to uphold the 4th Circuit’s ruling.

“The bottom line is, no matter what happens on Monday, there are others issues,” said Lew Freeman, executive director of the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance, a nonprofit coalition of 51 organizations opposing the pipeline.



STEVE HELBER/AP

The crew for the Space Shuttle Challenger flight 51-L leaves their quarters Jan. 27, 1986, for the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Mission Specialist Ronald McNair, center, was only the second African American chosen to go to space.

## ‘Black in Space’ takes look at final frontier of civil rights

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In 1959, Ronald Erwin McNair walked into a South Carolina library. The 9-year-old aspiring astronaut wanted to check out a calculus book, but a librarian threatened to call the police if he didn’t leave. McNair was black.

Years later, McNair was selected to become only the second African American to travel to space, overcoming segregation, poverty, and stereotypes in an intellectual act of resistance that inspired a generation. Tragically, McNair died in the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger tragedy.

McNair’s story and those of other black astronauts are shared in a new documentary that looks at the final frontier of civil rights: getting black astronauts into space amid Jim Crow, danger, discrimination and the Cold War. Within four generations, they went from slavery to space.

“Black in Space: Breaking the Color Barrier,” scheduled to air Monday on the Smithsonian Channel, examines the race to get black astronauts into the heavens while fighting for human rights on Earth. It shows how the astronauts surmounted racial barriers and hostile commanders to get close to the stars.

“They really are the first of the first,” filmmaker Laurens Grant said. “And they are the elite of the elite.”

Not only did these aspiring space travelers have to navigate the racial politics of their time, they also had to study cutting-edge science and engineering to compete with others, Grant said. And it didn’t always end happily.

The road to get black astronauts into space in the U.S. began under President John F. Kennedy. His brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, pressured an Air Force program to make sure its astronaut project had a person of color.

Air Force Capt. Ed Dwight was

selected for a trainee program and became an overnight hero in the black press. However, the NASA program did not select him for the astronaut program.

U.S. Air Force officer Robert Henry Lawrence Jr. was chosen. The U.S. Air Force selected the Chicago-born Lawrence as the first African American astronaut, and he may have made it to the moon. Unfortunately, Lawrence died after his F-104 Starfighter crashed in 1967 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

No African Americans would make it to the moon.

During this era, Star Trek Communication Officer Lieutenant Uhura, played by Nichelle Nichols in the 1960s NBC television series, got the closest even though she was a fictional character. Nichols would later speak out in public service announcements to recruit black scientists and pilots to NASA.

Frederick Gregory, now 79, saw some of those ads.

“She was inside my TV one morning. She pointed at me and said, ‘I want you to apply for the NASA program,’” Gregory said. “She was talking to me.”

The U.S. Air Force pilot would apply and later become the first African American shuttle pilot.

Guion Bluford would become the first African American astronaut. The aerospace engineer made it to space in 1983 as a member of the crew of the Orbiter Challenger. His trip came nearly 20 years after Kennedy sought to get a black man in space.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Gregory said he recalls looking down at Earth while floating in space and traveling at high speed.

“Your concept of neighbor changes significantly,” Gregory said. “I began saying, ‘Hey, this is a world, and we are all part of it.’ When you go to space, you don’t see boundaries on the ground. You wonder, why do these people dislike each other. Your concept of what your home is changes.”

## Missing Calif. couple found alive

Associated Press

INVERNESS, Calif. — An academic couple who got lost during a Valentine’s Day hike in the woods of Northern California was found Saturday by rescuers who spent almost a week looking for them and had given up hopes of finding them alive.

Carol Kiparsky, 77, and Ian Irwin, 72, were found in a densely forested area near Tomales Bay, a narrow inlet about 30 miles north of San Francisco, and were airlifted to a hospital for treatment of hypothermia, Marin County Sheriff’s Sgt. Brenton Schneider said at a news conference.

Kiparsky and Irwin were last seen Feb. 14 at a vacation cottage near Inverness, a town at the foot of the bay.



MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE/AP

Carol Kiparsky and Ian Irwin vanished during a Feb. 14 hike in the woods in Northern California. They were found safe Saturday.

## Rocket crash kills self-proclaimed daredevil

Associated Press

BARSTOW, Calif. — A self-styled daredevil died Saturday after a rocket in which he launched himself crashed into the ground, a colleague and a witness said.

“Mad” Mike Hughes died after the homemade rocket crashed on private property near Barstow

about 1:52 p.m. near Highway 247, the Daily Press of Victorville reported.

Waldo Stokes, a colleague who was at the rocket launch, said Hughes, 64, was killed.

Justin Chapman, a freelance journalist, told the AP that he and his wife witnessed the crash.

The rocket appeared to rub against the launch apparatus,

which might have torn the parachutes attached to it, Chapman said.

The rocket came straight down into the ground, Chapman said.

In March 2018, Hughes, who believed the Earth is flat, propelled himself about 1,875 feet into the air before a hard landing in the Mojave Desert.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Monastery vandalized with spray paint

**CT FARMINGTON** — Farmington police responded to reports of several instances of spray paint on monastery grounds that left the patrons "in shock" and may be investigated as a hate crime, the Hartford Courant reported.

Portions of the grounds of the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center were "marred" by spray paint, according to a Facebook post by the monastery. The post said that the Peace Garden created in honor of Father John Baptist was desecrated.

Farmington police spokesperson Lt. Timothy McKenzie said the security footage of the monastery showed two vehicles pull into the parking lot but he did not go into specifics because of the ongoing investigation.

## 2019 was hottest year on record for Oahu

**HI HONOLULU** — Oahu experienced its hottest year on record in 2019, according to federal officials and municipal authorities.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the island reached its highest temperatures last year, and the National Weather Service said 273 daily temperature records were tied or broken across the state, Hawaii Public Radio reported.

A separate study by the City and County of Honolulu also found the state experienced its hottest recorded day last year.

## Woman dials 911 when parents end cell service

**OH CANTON** — An Ohio woman was arrested for calling 911 when her parents cut off her cellphone service, authorities said.

Seloni Khetarpal was arrested by Massillon police and charged with disrupting police services, a fifth-degree felony, The Canton Repository reported.

Records show that Khetarpal, 36, repeatedly called emergency dispatchers because her parents had terminated her cellphone service, which they paid for.

An officer advised her to call emergency services only for emergencies.

Two hours later, she called again and "was belligerent and stated she believed it to be a legitimate issue," according to jail records.

## Truck carrying 41 cattle overturns, killing some

**NC WINSTON-SALEM** — A truck carrying 41 cattle crashed on a North Carolina highway, and at least some of the animals on board died.

The Winston-Salem Journal reported that the crash occurred on Interstate 40.

State police said that the driver of the truck veered off the highway, and his rig overturned. The unidentified driver suffered minor injuries.

Officials from the Winston-Salem Fire Department said that



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

## Scouting Graffiti Alley

Rapper Duke Jackson, right, walks with JPaul Bonan as they scout Baltimore's Graffiti Alley prior to filming a music video. The alley allows local artists to tag the walls legally in the art district of the city.

some of the cattle were killed. Crews worked to remove the cows from the trailer.

## Manatee deaths drop to 606 in 2019

**FL FORT DALE—LAUDERDALE** — Statewide, manatee deaths decreased to 606 deaths last year, down from 824 in 2018.

Experts said it appears the main cause of the decline in deaths is the reduced effect of red tide algae on manatees. Twenty-one manatees died of red tide in 2019, compared with 288 in 2018, said Jaclyn Lopez, a spokeswoman for the Florida Center for Biological Diversity.

The Sun-Sentinel reported that boats and other watercraft were the biggest cause of manatee deaths last year, causing at least 136 of the fatalities — or about 22% for the year.

## College music hall to be named after donor

**IN WESTLAFFAYETTE** — A new building for Purdue

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increase brought seafood consumption to its highest point since 2007, though it is still well below the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recommended amount: about 26 pounds per year.

The average amount of seafood in pounds that Americans consumed in 2018, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in its annual Fisheries of the United States Report. In 2017, the average was a tenth of a pound less. The

University's bands and orchestral program will be named after a Florida couple who donated \$10 million toward the project. Purdue President Mitch Daniels announced the donation came from Marc and Sharon Hagle.

Marc Hagle is president of the Florida-based real estate company Tricor International. He graduated from Purdue in 1971 with a bachelor's degree and in 1972 with a master's.

As a student, he performed in the symphonic band and in the marching band drum line, including at the 1967 Rose Bowl.

Construction of the \$20 million project is expected to begin in September and finish by the end of 2021.

## Uber driver fires gun at backseat drivers

**LA NEW ORLEANS** — An Uber driver accused of firing shots at passengers who told him he was driving in the wrong direction was arrested.

Ahmad Ahmad, 53, picked up the passengers from a bar in New Orleans, news outlets reported. When Ahmad began driving across the Mississippi River, the passengers informed him he was going in the wrong direction, New Orleans police said in a news release. An argument began and Ahmad stopped the car.

One of the victims called police while another ordered another Uber. After the second ride-hail-

ing driver arrived, Ahmad allegedly took the key out of that car's ignition, got a gun from his vehicle and fired shots at the victims.

## Wendy's pays to resolve labor law allegations

**MA BOSTON** — Fast-food chain Wendy's agreed to pay \$400,000 to resolve allegations that it violated child labor laws by having teenage employees at dozens of Massachusetts restaurants work later and longer than allowed, the state attorney general's office announced.

"We are committed to being a responsible employer, with the goal that all employees have a rewarding experience as valued members of our team," Dublin, Ohio-based Wendy's said.

The office began investigating after a minor employed at a Wendy's in Worcester complained that teenagers were working too late into the night and too many hours per day.

Investigators estimated more than 2,100 violations at 46 corporate-owned Wendy's International LLC locations across the state.

From wire reports



## WORLD

# 2 earthquakes Sunday shake Turkey, Iran

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey—Nine people were killed in eastern Turkey by a magnitude 5.7 earthquake early Sunday morning, Turkish Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said.

The quake centered just east across the border in neighboring Iran, west of the Iranian city of Khoy, and affected villages in the Turkish province of Van.

At least three of the dead were children, according to Turkish Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu. The health minister later said at least 37 people were injured, including nine in critical but not life-threatening condition.

Iran's official IRNA news agency said at least 75 people had been injured inside Iran, six of whom were hospitalized.

A second earthquake — also magnitude 5.7 — struck Sunday evening in the same area in Iran, according to the country's seismology center.

It was not immediately clear if the second quake caused further damage or casualties in either country.

The U.S. Geological Survey put the second earthquake's magnitude at 6.0. Varying magnitudes are common in the immediate aftermath.

Turkish broadcaster NTV showed images of locals and soldiers digging through the rubble of collapsed buildings on Sunday, as families sat in snowy streets fearing further tremors.

Emergency teams were sent to the remote mountainous region, which has a history of powerful earthquakes. Last month, a quake centered on the eastern Turkish city of Elazığ killed more than 40 people. In 2011, more than 600 were killed when a quake struck north of Van province's capital.

According to the European Mediterranean Seismological Center, the first quake happened at 9:22 a.m. local time at a depth of 3 miles. The EMSC reported several further quakes that measured up to magnitude 4.4.

Iran's seismology center said the second quake hit the Zarabad district at 7:30 p.m. local time at a depth of 17 miles.



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP

A man walks past a giant board welcoming President Donald Trump in Agra, India, on Sunday.

## India preps for Trump mega-rally

By SHEIKH SAALIQ  
Associated Press

AHMEDABAD, India — The sun-baked city of Ahmedabad was jostling with activity Sunday as workers cleaned roads, planted flowers and hoisted hundreds of billboards featuring President Donald Trump, a day ahead of his maiden two-day visit to India after Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised him a boisterous public reception.

Hundreds of thousands of people in the northwestern city are expected to greet Trump on Monday for a road show leading to a massive rally at what has been touted as the world's largest cricket stadium.

Trump's motorcade will travel

amid cheers from a battery of carefully picked and vetted Modi loyalists and workers from his Bharatiya Janata Party who will stand for hours alongside the neatly manicured 14-mile stretch of road to accord Trump a grand welcome.

Tens of thousands of police officers will be on hand to keep security tight and a new wall has come up in front of a slum, apparently to hide it from passersby.

Monday's event is the second act of growing bonhomie between Trump and Modi after they shared a stage last year in Houston at a rally called "Howdy, Modi!" that featured flashy Bollywood musical and dance numbers and was organized by a nonprofit group with Hindu nationalist links.

Modi's Hindu nationalist government is pulling out all the stops, at an expense of more than \$14 million, to woo the president and first lady Melania Trump. But experts have said that very little of substance will be achieved for either side beyond the pageantry and symbolism.

For Modi, however, the event could be a reprieve from opposition in the country against some of his recent policies, a slumping economy and ongoing protests over a new citizenship law that excludes Muslims.

The slick extravaganzas, to the annoyance of some locals, has not gone well for Modi's rivals, who have said Trump's visit will not benefit India but is aimed at boosting the American economy.

## Iran says voter turnout dips below 50% in a first since 1979

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's interior ministry said voter turnout in recent parliamentary elections stood at 42.57%, the first time it dipped below the 50% mark since the country's 1979 revolution that ushered in a Shiite theocratic establishment.

The lower turnout is widely seen as a measure of how Iranians view the country's government, with low turnout a signal of possible widespread dissatisfaction with Iran's clerical rulers and the system they preside over.

Voters also had limited options on Fri-

day's ballot, as more than 7,000 potential candidates had been disqualified, most of them reformists and moderates. Among those disqualified were 90 sitting members of Iran's 290-seat Parliament who had wanted to run for re-election.

Iranian hardliners also won all 30 parliamentary seats in the capital, Tehran, state TV reported on Sunday, but officials have yet to announce the voter turnout from the nationwide elections two days ago.

State TV also said that former Tehran mayor Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, a top contender for the post of parliamentary speaker, was the top winner in the capital,

with more than 1.2 million votes.

Iran's supreme leader early Sunday accused enemy "propaganda" of trying to dissuade people from voting by amplifying the threat of the coronavirus.

A range of crises has beset Iran in the past year, including widespread anti-government protests in November and U.S. sanctions piling pressure on the plunging economy.

On the eve of the vote in Iran, the Trump administration sanctioned five election officials and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo slammed the election as a "sham."

In remarks from his office in Tehran,

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei blamed the "negative propaganda" of Iran's enemies for trying to discourage people from voting in Friday's elections.

"Their media did not ignore the tiniest opportunity for discouraging people and resorting to the pretext of diseases and the virus," he said.

Iran reported its first case of the virus two days before the national polls, and eight deaths have been reported due to the virus since then. That's the highest death toll from the virus outside of China, where the outbreak first emerged a couple months ago.



ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP

Demonstrators gather outside Australia House in London to protest against the extradition of Julian Assange on Saturday.

## Assange supporters call for no extradition

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Hundreds of supporters of Julian Assange marched through London on Saturday to pressure the U.K. government into refusing to extradite the WikiLeaks founder to the United States to face spying charges.

Famous backers, including Pink Floyd's Roger Waters, Pretenders singer Chrissie Hynde and fash-

ion designer Vivienne Westwood joined the crowd protesting the U.S. espionage charges against the founder of the secret-spilling website. An extradition hearing for Assange is due to begin in a London court on Monday.

WikiLeaks spokesman Kristinn Hrafnsson told a rally outside Parliament that the prosecution of Assange represented "a dark force against (those) who want justice, transparency and truth."

U.S. prosecutors have charged

the 48-year-old Australian computer expert with espionage over WikiLeaks' publication of hundreds of thousands of confidential government documents. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to up to 175 years in prison.

Civil liberties groups and journalism organizations, including Amnesty International and Reporters Without Borders, have urged the U.S. to drop the charges, saying they set a chilling precedent for freedom of the press.

## WORLD

# Transgender dancer shatters Brazilian Carnival taboo

Associated Press

**SÃO PAULO** — When dancer Camila Prins entered São Paulo's Carnival parade grounds, a costume of feathers clinging to her sinuous body, she fulfilled a dream of feminine beauty nearly three decades old.

Prins says she first realized she wanted to be a woman at a Carnival party at age 11, when, like the other boys, she was allowed to dress like a girl as part of the burlesque festivities. Now, in the final minutes of Saturday, she became the first transgender woman to lead the drum section of a top samba school in either of the renowned Carnival parades put on in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Prins, 40, was hand-picked to be "godmother" of the Colorado do Bras samba school's drum section, an iconic role fought over by dozens of models and TV celebri-

ties. Her duty was to dance infectious for 65 minutes in front of the drummers, using her legs to drive their rhythm while judges assessed the school's parade.

"Gorgeous women wanted to be here. I'm very excited because this shows we can be anywhere. We can be godmother of the drummers, we can be owners of a samba school," Prins told The Associated Press before the parade. "Soon they will see many other transgender girls, who will find it easier than I did."

Colorado do Bras, which rose to São Paulo's top samba league only two years ago, made a bold decision in picking Prins for the role, despite Brazil's Carnival being a party at which few things have never been tried.

Transgender people remain something of a taboo among Brazilians, even in São Paulo, the country's most cosmopolitan



ANDRÉ PENNER/AP

**Transgender godmother Camila Prins, representing the Colorado do Bras samba school, performs Saturday at Carnival in the Sambadrome in São Paulo, Brazil.**

city and host to the world's largest gay pride parade. Brazil has more slayings of transvestites and transgender people than any country in the world. In 2019, 124 were killed, 21 of them in São Paulo state.

As godmother of the drum section, Prins teamed up with a drum queen who has a similar role, and together they worked to dazzle fans in the Sambadrome bleachers with their beauty and sex appeal. Prins said she was counting

on her penetrating brown eyes, long blond hair, strong legs, open smile and imposing breasts to help win points from the judges.

São Paulo is trying to root out persecution of LGBT people during Carnival, and this year set up 20 tents spread among major street parties to handle cases of violence against the community. Psychologists, police officers and social workers are on hand until Wednesday for revelers who are victimized.

## Weather causes cancelation of Berlin parades

Associate Press

**BERLIN** — Several cities in western Germany canceled their traditional carnival parades on short-notice Sunday, citing severe weather conditions including gusty winds and heavy rains.

In Cologne, the famous school and neighborhood parades were canceled, and in nearby Düsseldorf the carnival celebrations on the city's glitzy Koenigsallee boulevard were also called off.

"In order to protect all participants along the route, the parades cannot take place," Cologne city officials said in a statement.

Some of the parades' participants were already on the way to the celebrations when parts of their costumes were blown away by the wind, the city statement said, explaining its last-minute decision to call off the parades. About 8,000 people were supposed to participate in the Cologne parades.

Other cities across Germany also canceled their carnival activities due to the storm, including Emmerich, Essen and Salzkotten in the west as well as Heiligenstadt in Thuringia in central Germany.

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## FACES

# Teen rom-com proved to be transformative

## Success of 2018 Netflix film 'To All the Boys' puts it leads on Hollywood's radar

By ALICIA RANCILLO  
Associated Press

Netflix's 2018 teen rom-com "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," changed the lives of its stars, Lana Condor and Noah Centineo, by putting them on Hollywood's radar.

"People are taking me more seriously," said Condor, a 22-year-old Vietnamese American. "I feel like I can take up way more space, and I really, really appreciate being part of the conversation of representation. That's something that I feel so passionate about."

Centineo, 23, has become a leading man. He will star as He-Man in the film "Masters of the Universe," due out in 2021.

A sequel, "To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You," is now playing on Netflix. In it, Condor and Centineo reprise their roles as Lara Jean and Peter, who are embarking on a real romance after falling in love in the first film.

The first movie introduced Lara Jean, a Korean American teen whose younger sister mails out a stash of hidden love letters to former crushes that were never intended to be read. To mask her embarrassment, Lara Jean fakes a romance with one of those recipients, Peter, who is looking to make his ex-girlfriend jealous. Things grow complicated when the pair falls in love. In the sequel, another letter recipient (Jordan Fisher) surfaces. "To All the Boys" is adapted from a young adult book trilogy by Jenny Han.

"When we made the first movie, we didn't even know if anyone would see it," Condor said. "Net-



Lana Condor, left, and Noah Centineo are pictured in a scene from "To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You." The film is a sequel to "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," which opened doors for both actors.

flix hadn't bought it yet and it was just kind of like, 'Oh, I love the movie. I love the story, but I hope people will even see this.'"

Centineo is quick to admit that he's learned becoming famous is not all smooth sailing.

"It's hard to not be grateful when you've done something that's given you so much access to so many amazing creators and professionals," he said.

"There are days where I think I'm a fraud and I suck and I'm

(expletive) shallow and I get anxiety attacks," Centineo said. "But, I like to think that ... bravery is despite being afraid to do something, you still have the courage to do it anyway."

The cast also has completed

filming the third chapter in the franchise.

Condor said she was "in denial" on her last day of filming, and choked up speaking about what the role has meant to her.

"Lara Jean has been such a huge part of my life and it's only been like two years, but I've spent so much time with her," said Condor, her voice cracking. "She's given me so many opportunities that I'm so grateful for and so kind of closing that chapter was very hard for me."

Centineo says it wasn't sad for him to walk away because his goodbye was only to the character, not his co-stars.

"I poured everything I could into this character and this film and this whole project — all three films — and we made a family out of it and I think we were successful on a personal level in creating a lot of connection. So when it was over it was OK. I didn't have any regrets. I didn't feel like I didn't do something. I didn't feel like I could've done something better."

Han says the experience of bringing her books to life has been so exciting that she's now doing screenwriting and wants to introduce more diverse characters.

"People often think of stories about non-white characters as niche or that people will not be able to relate to them for whatever reason and there's so many different ways to be an all-American girl, to be a teenage girl."

"To All the Boys" is opposite of what's going on now, Condor said. The world is rigid and scary, but "this movie is soft and sweet and gentle and kind."

## Police say robbery in unlikely motive in rapper's killing

Associated Press

The home-invasion death of rising rapper Pop Smoke in Los Angeles does not appear to be part of a robbery, police said Thursday as detectives sought to identify the shooter and the music community mourned.

Investigators were not ruling out a robbery, but they were looking at other possible motives, said Capt. Jonathan Tippet, head of the Robbery-Homicide Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The 20-year-old Brooklyn rapper whose legal name is Basharr Barakah Jackson was killed Wednesday at a home in the Hollywood Hills. A 911 call from a friend of someone in the house reported armed intruders inside the home, police said.

An autopsy was planned after Pop Smoke was declared dead at a hospital. Police have not announced any arrests or named any suspects.



Pop Smoke, an up-and-coming rapper, was fatally shot during a break-in early Wednesday.

Pop Smoke arrived on the rap scene in 2018 and broke out last spring with "Welcome to the Party" a gangsta anthem with boasts about shootings, killings and drugs that became a huge sensation.

## Dan Brown writing children's book

From wire reports

Dan Brown's next book will have a lighter, more musical touch.

The "Da Vinci Code" author is working on a picture story, "Wild Symphony," scheduled to be published Sept. 1. Rodale Kids, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, announced the book Thursday and called it an "entertaining" experience in which "the playful Maestro Mouse, trusty baton in hand, brings readers along as he visits a variety of animal friends, from cheetahs and kangaroos to elephants and blue whales."

"Wild Symphony" will be illustrated by Susan Batort and will be accompanied by a release of children's classical music, written by Brown.

"I love storytelling, and my novels always attempt to weave together varied themes," Brown said in a statement. "With 'Wild Symphony,' I was excited to build on this idea and create a truly layered experience by using three different languages simultaneously — art, music, and words. In the same way that an opera captivates its audience by presenting beautiful sets, dramatic music, and lyrical drama, 'Wild Symphony' strives to be



Brown

an immersive feast for eyes, ears, and mind, all at the same time."

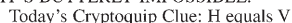
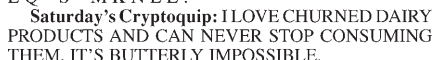
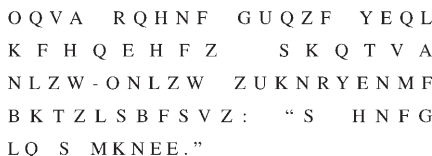
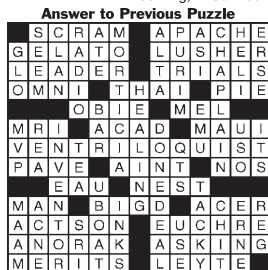
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■ A new book publishing imprint will be a platform for the podcasts of iHeart Radio. The imprint, announced Thursday, is called Stuff You Should Read: An iHeartBook, and is a partnership with Flatiron Books. The first release is scheduled for Sept. 29. It's called "Stuff You Should Know: An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly Interesting Things," and will be written by "Stuff You Should Know" podcast hosts Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant.

■ A book by Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, President Donald Trump's second national security adviser, will be out April 28. First announced in summer 2018, "Battlegrounds" will focus on national security and foreign policy, including his contentious time with Trump.

■ Willie Nelson will release his 70th studio album, "First Rose of Spring," on April 24, five days ahead of his 87th birthday. The 11-track collection includes two songs he wrote with the album's producer, Buddy Cannon, and others written by peers and admirers including Chris Stapleton, Randy Houser, Billy Joe Shaver and Toby Keith. The title track is the first release from the album, and the video is out now.





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# OPINION

## Men need to join the battle against overwork

By SARAH GREEN CARMICHAEL

Bloomberg Opinion

People tend to think of work-family conflict as something that only women experience, and assume that it pushes women to quit their jobs. But new research shows that men feel it just as much as women do, and that it also undercuts their commitment to their employer.

An article published this month in Harvard Business Review looks at why both men and women feel work-family conflict, but why men's feelings on this remain largely invisible. The authors, Robin Ely of Harvard Business School and Irene Padavic at Florida State University, studied a global consulting firm for 18 months. In interviews with the research team, which also included Erin Reid of McMaster University, the men expressed profound sadness and guilt over not being there for their children and their partners.

It's not the only study to reveal that men feel work-family conflict — but it is remarkable for the portrait it paints of silent male suffering, and the way in which male silence and female openness conspire to maintain the status quo.

One working dad painted a bleak portrait of his son playing alone with a toy train, while a nanny looked coldly on. Another seemed sad that his young daughter always asked for his wife at bedtime — never for him. Yet while these men felt work-family conflict deeply, they also tended to suppress those feelings — minimizing their own feelings or displacing them onto women.

One described falling “chemically, deeply” in love with his newborn daughter and said it helped him “understand” why some women wouldn't want to go back to work after having kids. His takeaway wasn't that he was entitled to his own mixed feelings, but that women must have a hard time bal-

ancing work and family.

Others distanced themselves from their fears using humor, or by emphasizing that however bad they'd felt before, they felt better now — now that they're not on a six-month assignment in a foreign country, now that only one of their kids cries when they leave for work, now that the 7-year-old can “almost” make his own breakfast (Pop-Tarts).

By contrast, the women were more frank about the work-family conflicts they feel. They didn't hide from them, or project them onto someone else. The women were also more likely to take action to try to resolve the conflict, like swapping a client-facing role for one with more-predictable hours. As a result, though, the women gave up power in the firm — and saw their progress stall.

Women made up 37% of junior associates, but only 10% of partners; and women who made it to partner took two years longer to get promoted.

While senior leaders assumed it was women who struggled with the firm's 24/7 culture, men and women reported equally that the relentless pace was crushing — and unnecessary. Consultants spoke of working through the night to make 100-slide presentations they were all too aware the client couldn't use, hadn't asked for, and probably wouldn't even read, but no one at the firm seemed to think it was possible to stop producing them.

If it sounds a little like a cult, that's because it kind of is — in which work is a kind of religion, and devotees show their faith not by shaving their heads or wearing hair shirts, but by working all the time.

Men made it clear that working this way took a toll on their commitment to the firm. One dad said he “wanted to quit then and there” when work caused him to miss his son's soccer game — and his son to burst into tears. Another said he was “overworked and under-familied” and said, “If I

were a betting man, I'd bet that a year from now I'm working somewhere else.”

And that's what happened. In fact, while the firm assumed women had a higher turnover rate, this wasn't true — looking at three years of data showed women were just as likely to quit as women.

Nonetheless, when the researchers presented their findings to the firm's leaders — that the culture of overwork was hurting both men and women, but that women were paying a disproportionate price for it — these managers rejected this conclusion as well as the proposed gender-neutral solutions. They insisted that work-family conflict was women's problem, and that any solution must target women specifically. (Since female-specific solutions only seem to derail women's careers, adding yet another isn't likely to help.)

We cannot keep pretending, in the face of mounting evidence, that work-family conflict is only a woman's problem, or that the only reason more women aren't working 24/7 is because of their children. It is closer to the truth to say that no one wants to work 24/7 because it's frankly a miserable way to live.

Instead of offering women yet more poisoned chalice in the form of flex-time programs that only mark them for punishment, managers must target dysfunctional work cultures that hinge on over-selling and over-delivering, driving both men and women to seek other employment arrangements. Talented, hard-working people have options. They also, quite frequently, exercise them.

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## Hot jobs market will ease the student loan crisis

By CONOR SEN

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Student loan debt has more than doubled over the past decade and now exceeds \$1.5 trillion. If there is one bit of good news, it's that new data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows that student loan debt has just about stopped growing, likely in part to a tighter labor market. So as long as the labor market continues to stay strong, student loan debt shouldn't be as much of a burden to the next generation of workers as it has to the last one.

The rise in student loan debt can be attributed to many factors, and not just the rising cost of higher education. Demographic forces played a role as the large millennial generation continues to stay strong, student loan debt shouldn't be as much of a burden to the next generation of workers as it has to the last one. The rise in student loan debt can be attributed to many factors, and not just the rising cost of higher education. Demographic forces played a role as the large millennial generation continues to stay strong, student loan debt shouldn't be as much of a burden to the next generation of workers as it has to the last one.

The impact may have been even more dramatic for Americans in their prime higher education years. For people between the ages of 20 to 24, the labor force participation rate fell from 75.6% in De-

cember 2006 to 69.9% in August 2012. Only within the past couple of years has it begun to recover, but it's still 2.7 percentage points below what it was in late 2006, and 5 percentage points lower than in 2000. Getting back to 2000 levels would mean an additional one million young workers in the labor force relative to what we have now rather than in school paying tuition and taking out student loans.

At the same time that labor force participation rates for young people are picking up, higher education enrollment is falling, dropping to a 10-year low in 2019. Enrollment has fallen by 3% the past two years, or by 570,000 students. Some of that is due to a shrinking population of 20- to 24-year olds, with that part of the population declining by about 400,000 people in the same period. What's also encouraging is that the biggest enrollment declines occurred in for-profit institutions, which are of dubious value for students. And even with falling population numbers the size of the labor force of people that age group is unchanged, reflecting the increase in labor force participation rates.

What we may be seeing — thanks to the strengthening labor market — is a virtuous cycle for young people weighing the choice of seeking employment or enrolling in higher education. For people on the fence, the job market is strong enough that they're increasingly choosing to work. This is showing up in higher labor force participation rates, lower education enrollment rates and a flattening out in the level of stu-

dent loan debt owed. Down the road, these young people who chose to work will be in a better position to start families and buy homes, rather than saddled by student loan debt like we've seen over the past number of years.

This trend could have a long way to go. New research shows that there's essentially no wage premium for the lower-earning half of college graduates. There are a couple of ways to think about this. The first is that the labor market still needs to be stronger to allow that group of Americans to thrive. And another is that labor market dynamics have changed to the point where those without degrees can now earn wages on par with many college graduates, and that many people with degrees could earn the same wage they are now without having paid for their degree, perhaps with a little training from employers.

The high level of existing student loan debt in many respects a labor market policy failure over the last decade, and progressives and labor activists have a case in arguing that something should be done to lighten that load. But going forward, there's reason to believe that growing numbers of Americans will be able to launch their careers without feeling like that debt is a necessary barrier. Student loan debt starts with full employment labor market policies, and it's encouraging that policy-makers are taking that more seriously.

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# DODEA EUROPE BOYS BASKETBALL



Cameron Gaetos of Vilseck avoids Luis Figueroa to go in for a basket in the boys Division I final in Wiesbaden, Germany on Saturday. Vilseck took the title with a 56-42 win.

## Vilseck emphatically dethrones Ramstein

By GREGORY BROOME  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — The Royals reign is over, taken down by a Vilseck team hungry for a championship.

Vilseck blitzed five-time defending champion Ramstein on Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, claiming a 56-42 victory in a physical, raucous Division I title game.

"This was an unbelievable run by these guys," Vilseck coach Rick Ritter said. "They really came together."

Signs of Vilseck's imminent coup were visible as the season wound down.

The Falcons handled Black Forest Academy twice at the end of the regular season to snatch the tournament's No. 2 seed. Then they landed a direct blow to the champion's chin with a pool-play defeat of the Royals. The Falcons then bested Black Forest in the semifinals, to earn their title shot.

Vilseck gained confidence with each achievement.

"We just recognized eight days ago that we controlled our own destiny," Ritter said. "We just started a little momentum. We started to trust ourselves."

On Thursday, Vilseck's Jonas Matthews brashly predicted the events that would come to pass two days later, describing the growing feeling of a "championship season" for the suddenly soaring Falcons. By Saturday, the senior center and his teammates didn't feel like underdogs.

"We were very confident," said Matthews. Calling the Royals a "really good" team, he nonetheless knew the Falcons had the capacity to dethrone them.

But Saturday's defeat of Ramstein was not simply a psychological undertaking or a force of collective will. The Falcons had the on-court goods to back up their growing bravado.

Vilseck had a counter for all of Ramstein's championship-tested tactics. Bruising center Matthews brought the heat and interior touch to match Ramstein's front line, long-limbed wing Josh Valembrun disrupted its efforts on the perimeter and Cameron Gaetos capably ran the point under constant Royals pressure.

Given all that, Vilseck's win was not altogether shocking. But the severity of the beating was.

Senior center Sean Bergosh hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to cap a stunning first half and put the Falcons up 25-14.

If the Royals were counting on a resurgent third quarter, traditionally a time when playoff-tested champions assert themselves, they were left wanting: Vilseck only increased its lead, holding the Royals to two points and effectively broaching the blowout threshold on a twisting Valembrun layup for a 23-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Ramstein tried to mount a rally, hoisting three-pointers, picking up its defensive intensity and diving for every loose ball. Elisha Williams swished a three-pointer from the top of the key to cut the deficit to 13 with two and a half minutes to play, but the seasoned Falcons were up to the task.

Saturday represented the end of an era for Ramstein, which will move forward without departing stars Jason Jones Jr. and Jerod Little. It did not end the way Coach Andrew O'Connor, who after Saturday's game called the Royals the "greatest basketball program in DODEA history," would have drawn it up. But this run will be remembered as much for its triumphs as for Saturday's unceremonious end.

"It's a group of champions," O'Connor said of his crestfallen team. "I love my guys, and I wouldn't want to win with any other group or lose with any other group."

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## Pigge, Bucs make it 3 straight

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WIESBADEN, Germany — Chandler Pigge left the Baumholder Bucs with a parting gift Saturday. Namely, another championship.

The Bucs won their third straight DODEA Europe Division III boys basketball title Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, steadily outpacing Ansbach 52-31 in a sequel to their more dramatic championship win over the Cougars a year earlier.

"We knew what to do defensively," Baumholder coach Dewayne Pigge said. "We knew kind of what would rattle them and we stuck with the plan. And it was executed excellently."

The Bucs outlasted Ansbach in a 70-65 thriller to win last year's title game, but the Cougars claimed an impressive regular-season upset that was Baumholder's only divisional loss this year. In theory, that made Saturday's final a fascinating rubber match.

But the title game was a fizzle by comparison as the Bucs built an early lead and Ansbach never managed a serious counterstrike. Baumholder nursed a double-digit lead with some drawn-out possessions in the second half, then twice twisted the knife by ending those possessions with a crisp pass to the interior and a strong finish by senior center Laurence Huxtable. A high-arching Chandler Pigge three-pointer put the Bucs up 42-27 entering an anticlimactic fourth quarter.

"We just came out with more aggressiveness," said Chandler Pigge, contrasting Saturday's effort with his team's regular-season loss to the Cougars. "This time we just came out and played the best game of our lives. Didn't focus on the refs, didn't focus on the crowd... just focusing on us as a team."

The win brings an apparent end to Pigge's memorable career as a Buc. The gifted junior plans, who led finished with a game-high 23 points, plans to transfer to a state college, possibly in his native Texas, for his final prep season to hone his craft and increase his visibility as a promising collegiate prospect.

"The program has been awesome," said Pigge, the reigning Stars and Stripes boys basketball Athlete of the Year. "Each year it's gotten better and better, the moments got better and better. It's going to be sad leaving them, but because of Baumholder I'm going to go off to great places."

Bucs coach Dewayne Pigge, Chandler's father, has an obvious connection with his star beyond that



Michael Abrams/Stars and Stripes

Baumholder's Chandler Pigge, left, fights his way to the basket against Dustin Martin of Ansbach in the boys Division III championship game. The Bucs won their third title in a row.

of a player and coach.

"He's my son and I love him a lot," said Pigge, who plans to return next season as the Bucs' coach. "He's made Baumholder what it is, along with his teammates. He just didn't do it by himself."

What Chandler Pigge did was thrive as the physical and emotional centerpiece of the Bucs. He orchestrated the Baumholder offense and took the big shot when necessary. He provided dynamic playmaking and a steady hand in a storm. He competed for loose balls and rebounds like a freshman desperate to earn more court time.

"He's a leader," Dewayne Pigge said. "I can't ask for anything more."

Isiah Daep scored 12 points on four first-half three-pointers for the Bucs. Huxtable, named the tournament's most outstanding player, added eight points.

## Naples outlasts Aviano in D-II final

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — Much of Saturday's Division II boys title game between Naples and Aviano was a stalemate.

The rivalry from Italy exchanged baskets, hustle, rebounds and turnovers and locked the score at 30 apiece at the end of three periods.

But as the fourth quarter wound down, the fifth-seeded Wildcats outscored and outlasted the Saints, 40-35, capped a memorable run through the tourney.

Naples played as a Division I team in last year's tournament, lost three games and was promptly eliminated, recalled coach Craig Lord.

This year, "we lost a lot of games" during the regular season, he said, but "we always had faith that we could win. And we would always just go back to practice and figure it out."

"Obviously, to come up and win a championship is the dream and the goal, and we always had that in mind."

To achieve the dream, the Wildcats had to shake off their only

tourney stumble, a 34-23 loss to Rota on Friday, to beat Bahrain and secure a spot in the final.

The fourth-seeded Saints lost to Naples in round-robin play but earned the tie-breaker with Rota and Vicenza — with all teams at 4-2 — by beating both in the tournament.

Saturday's title game was close throughout.

Naples took a 13-10 lead when junior Mark Simmons hit a three-pointer at the first-quarter buzzer.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 19-12 in the second quarter, but the Saints weren't ready to concede and reined in Naples with several buckets, including a three-pointer by senior Malachi Brooks. At halftime, Naples was up 23-20.

The teams continued to exchange points into the fourth quarter, when Naples' Keshawn Holland drove in a layup that put the Wildcats ahead 37-35 — a lead they would never relinquish.

Tyrell Holland, who nabbed the lion's share of rebounds on the night and earned Division II's Valuable Player honors, drew a foul with less than 50 sec-

onds left in regulation and put Naples up 40-35.

"I knew when those last 50 seconds were on the clock, we got it," junior point guard Ti Hunter said.

It was defense — and not offense — that made the difference, Hunter said.

"Stopping the other team from scoring is how we win," he said.

The Wildcats at times couldn't handle Aviano senior Ben Broome, a 6-foot-5 center who steamrolled his way to the net.

"He's a big dude," Hunter said. "We had to stop him. But they have a lot of shooters on the outside," he added, referring to Brooks, a 6-1 forward, and Zachary Villa, a 6-foot point guard. "We focused on them," Hunter said.

Aviano junior Miguel Evans said Naples played good defense and outthrusted the Saints.

"We knew it would be a dog-fight for the whole game," he said. "We'll be back next year."

"We definitely played our hearts out," Broome said. "I'm proud of my team."

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## DODEA EUROPE GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Naples explodes in third for title

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — It was a tale of two halves in the DODEA Europe Division II girls basketball title game Saturday between the Naples Wildcats and Vicenza Cougars.

The Wildcats prevailed 44-35 by overcoming a feisty Vicenza team that surged to an early lead, still riding high from ousting top seed Aviano in round-robin play Friday to secure a spot in the championship.

In the first half, Naples struggled to convert baskets and free throws, while Vicenza juniors Claire Troiano and Brealin Decker combined for nine points from behind the three-point arc to help put the third-seeded Cougars ahead 18-16 at halftime.

But the Wildcats returned to the Wiesbaden High School court a different team, explosive on offense and stingy on defense. Naples erupted for 22 third-quarter points and held the Cougars to only four.

The spark for Naples was Roxanne Sasse. The junior intercepted passes and scrambled for loose balls, converting at least four turnovers into layups.

Senior Mia Rawlins also contributed with a three-point play; freshman Gabriela Sasse knocked in a couple of buckets and sophomore Serina Alderson was perfect with three free throws after being fouled while shooting beyond the arc.

"I just think our press worked a little bit better," Naples coach



BRIAN FERGUSON/Stars and Stripes

**Naples' Roxanne Sasse drives to the basket during the DODEA-Europe Division II girls basketball championship game against Vicenza on Saturday. Naples won the game 44-35.**

Tim Smith said of what gave the No. 2-seeded Wildcats the advantage. "We got some easy baskets. We drove pretty well. Roxie made some good steals for layups. She can turn the game around just like that."

Roxanne Sasse, who was named the Division II Most Valuable Player for the tourney, said she likes going after loose balls. "That's my specialty, I think."

After struggling in the first half, the Wildcats headed into the locker room and "we motivated ourselves," Sasse said. "The second half, we really came out and did our stuff."

The title was especially sweet for Rawlins and fellow senior Mickey Farinas, who have played

for Naples for four years — and remember the sting of falling short their sophomore year against Stuttgart in the Division I title game.

"I'm so proud of our team," said Farinas, who nailed two three-pointers in the first half.

For Vicenza, Troiano's and Redecker's hot hands from the three-point arc wasn't enough to overcome the Wildcats' balanced attack.

"We wanted to start strong and our hope was to finish strong too," Troiano said. "It fell through a little bit, but I still think we played with whatever our hearts would give."

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## Sentinels live up to favorite billing

By GREGORY BROOME  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — The Spangdahlem Sentinels have been building toward a championship all winter. On Saturday, the construction was complete.

Spangdahlem claimed the Division III girls basketball championship Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, cruising past the Hohenfels Tigers 37-21 to complete a rampage through the regular season and tournament.

Undefeated in divisional play, Spangdahlem was the clear team to beat entering the tournament, and nobody came close to doing so. The Sentinels won their three preliminary games by a total of 95 points, including a 44-5 defeat of eventual finals opponent Hohenfels, and on Friday took down defending champion Sigonella in a lopsided 39-14 semifinal.

That made Saturday's final mostly a formality, though the fifth-seeded Tigers had given Spangdahlem some trouble in the regular season and boasted one of DODEA Europe's most capable offensive players in junior guard June Smith. The Sentinels simply smothered Smith with double teams that largely neutralized a Tigers offense that produced just five points, all by Smith, in the first half.

That was a theme for the Sentinels throughout the year as they tangled with divisional rivals but around a centerpiece talent like Smith, AFNORTH's

Tori Morris and Brussels' Nina Duvnjak. Spangdahlem countered with a talented and complementary lineup that no one could match, getting standout perimeter play from Lorelei Vargo and Bridget Donovan, all-around wing contributions from Destiny Hyler and a forceful interior presence from Izzy Smith and Emerson Retka.

"We're built to play off each other," Sentinels coach Chris Howard said. "Anybody on the court can score at any time."

That dynamic wasn't accomplished easily. As seamless as it looked from the outside, Spangdahlem's championship season was marked by the same internal struggles and personality clashes that are common on high-school sports teams.

"We went through a lot of team building, a lot of discussions... That happens not only on the court, but it happens in school," Howard said. "Everybody's got to trust in each other and have everybody's back, even off the court."

"We definitely had to get through some ups and downs. Not everyone was compatible with each other," Izzy Smith said. "But as the season progressed we knew that whether we liked it or not, we had to stay together."

"Everyone had skills, we just had to play to each other's strengths."

Izzy Smith led the Sentinels with 16 points on Saturday while sophomore Vargo added 14. June Smith scored 17 in defeat.

# Unbeaten Stuttgart wins 4th in a row

By GREGORY BROOME  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — The dynasty continues.

The Stuttgart Panthers won their fourth straight DODEA Europe Division I girls basketball championship Saturday at Clay Kaserne Fitness Center, finishing off an undefeated season with a 28-23 defeat of the SHAPE Spartans.

While girls hoops titles are becoming an annual tradition for Stuttgart, each year's team is a unique entity. Stuttgart coach Robin Hess said this year's Panthers were built on an unbreakable chemistry that manifested itself on the court.

"They support each other, they encourage each other, they pat each other on the back, they share the ball," Hess said. "They don't get mad at each other. They talk it out."

SHAPE loomed as the primary obstacle to another Stuttgart coronation, particularly after faring well in a 41-36 loss to the champs in the teams' regular-season finale Feb. 15, and the Spartans were very competitive again on Saturday as they played to an 8-8 draw through eight minutes.

But the Panthers were simply the superior team: bigger, faster, better, more productive. A second-quarter burst established a six-point halftime lead, and that multiple-possession advantage held up without incident until the final minute.

A three-pointer by SHAPE guard Gabi Shultz with 30 seconds to play cut the lead to five points, and the Spartans forced an immediate turnover to heighten the threat. But a string of timeouts and fouls over the final seconds produced no more points for either side.

"Unfortunately, we came up a little short tonight," Spartans coach Joe Cherrone said. "We got into our groove a little later than what we wanted to."

The five-point final margin was by far Stuttgart's smallest of an otherwise overwhelming postseason run. The Panthers won their three preliminary games by an average of 31 points and handled Kaiserslautern in Friday's semifinal round by a comfortable 37-24 score.

Ultimately the Spartans, who mHess called "tenacious," were the only team that offered any meaningful resistance. While his team lost the game, Cherrone said these Spartans accomplished the task of putting the program at the "top of the scene" in Division I hoops after years of postseason insignificance.

"We're definitely trying to make a name for ourselves," Cherrone said.

Success such as SHAPE enjoyed this season can create a self-perpetuating cycle: winning attracts more talent, which breeds more winning, and so on.

"We want to try to keep it like that," Cherrone said. "Hopefully we can encourage girls around our community to come out and continue to play."

Stuttgart represents the idealized version of that model. Jaelyn Page, one of six seniors on the team, enjoyed a triumphant end to a career spanning four years, and four titles, with Hess and the Panther dynasty.

"It's kind of sad that it's over," said Page, who paired an outstanding defensive performance with a six-point outing on the other side.

"But I'm really happy that I could spend all four years with her."

Sophomore Rebekah Johnson led six Stuttgart scorers with



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

**Sloje DaSilva Matis of Stuttgart pulls down a rebound against McKenzie Barden of SHAPE in the girls Division I final of the DODEA Europe basketball championships on Saturday.**

NBA

# Bucks thrash 76ers

## Antetokounmpo's 31 points, 17 rebounds lift Milwaukee

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks turned a tight game with the Philadelphia 76ers into a mismatch immediately in the second half, led by the reigning league MVP.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points and 17 rebounds, Khris Middleton scored 25 points and the Bucks beat the 76ers 119-98 on Saturday night in a matchup of Eastern Conference rivals.

Antetokounmpo scored Milwaukee's first 11 points in the third quarter as the Bucks took advantage of the absence of Philadelphia big man Joel Embiid, who went to the bench less a minute into the period after picking up his fourth foul, and quickly put the game out of reach.

"We came out the third quarter and played fast," Antetokounmpo said. "We were able to rebound the ball and just attack them. Joel had four fouls. That worked in our favor. We tried to be aggressive in the third quarter and set the tone."

Antetokounmpo added eight assists as Milwaukee went for the 16th time in its last 18 games to improve its NBA-best record to 48-8.

The Bucks led 56-50 at the half before Antetokounmpo's scoring outburst put the Bucks in control. Milwaukee would go on to outscore the 76ers 37-23 in the period.

Embiid, coming off a 39-point performance on Thursday night, had 17 points and 11 rebounds but shot just 5-for-18. Furkan Korkmaz and Shake Milton also scored 17 points apiece for the 76ers, who fell to 9-20 on the road.

"I liked what I was seeing in the first half, and the death knox was Joel sitting," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "We just didn't respond well to Milwaukee playing their tails off, and they shot the heck out of the ball."

Philadelphia lost All-Star Ben Simmons early in the first quarter. Simmons, who missed the 76ers' previous game with lower back tightness, headed to the locker room after consecutive driving layups.



MONEY GASH/AP

The Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo dunks against the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday in Milwaukee. Antetokounmpo had a game-high 31 points in the Bucks' 119-98 win.

## Roundup

# Harden, Westbrook combine for 72 points in win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Teams are trying to get creative in guarding the Houston Rockets.

Russell Westbrook doesn't think the plays are effective.

James Harden shrugged off traps to score 38 points. Westbrook faced two-time Defensive Player of the Year Rudy Gobert and still had 34 and the Rockets beat the Utah Jazz 120-110 on Saturday night.

"I don't know if it's working. I get whatever I want. I get to the basket. I shoot. I drive and kick. The pace and speed you can't scout for," Westbrook said.

Harden (13-for-23, six three-pointers) and Westbrook (14-for-26) were efficient all night and the Rockets rode a big third quarter to their third straight win.

"It obviously didn't work," Harden said when asked about putting the 7-foot-11 Gobert on the 6-3 Westbrook.

Eric Gordon and Ben McLemore each scored 12 off the bench for Houston.

Donovan Mitchell scored 31 and Jordan Clarkson had 22 for the Jazz, who cut the Rockets' lead to seven in the fourth quarter a couple times but could never get closer.

Houston made Salt Lake city pay when it occasionally double-teamed Harden and couldn't rotate fast enough to the perimeter shooters. After a season-high 25 three-pointers in their last outing against Golden State, the Rockets made 20-for-48 from beyond the arc.

"We have two guys, even more than two guys, that are able to put pressure on the rim. Teams are going to come and help and then our shooters have open shots," Harden said.

The Rockets made their move



KIM RAE/AP

Houston Rockets point guard Russell Westbrook had 34 points in his team's 120-110 win Saturday in Salt Lake City.

in the third quarter when they outscored the Jazz 38-19.

"When we don't make shots, it really impacts our defense. That said, I thought in the third quarter, we didn't have the same energy we needed on the defensive end," Utah coach Quin Snyder said. "We couldn't get our hands on balls, we didn't get deflections, and we fouled just once which tells you a little about our aggressiveness."

Westbrook capped a 14-2 run with a jumper and Houston led 100-85 entering the final period.

**Hawks 111, Mavericks 107:** John Collins had 35 points and 17 rebounds, Trae Young scored 13 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and host Atlanta rallied Saturday to beat Dallas.

Collins' follow shot, credited after a goaltending call was overturned, sealed it with 8.4 seconds remaining.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 20 of

his season high-tying 33 points in the first half and Seth Curry added 22 for the Mavericks.

The game was billed as a showdown between Luka Donic and Young, two second-year All-Stars linked together since a draft-night trade in 2018, but the matchup never materialized.

Donic, who led Dallas to a win over Orlando the night before, was held out so he could rest his ankle, meaning that he and Young won't face each other again until next season. Donic missed a 123-100 Mavericks win against the Hawks earlier this month in Dallas with a similar injury.

The Mavericks also were without Kristaps Porzingis, sidelined to rest his knee, and Willie Cauley-Stein, who missed the game for personal reasons.

**Heat 124, Cavaliers 105:** Miami was a worthy warmup act for Dwyane Wade's jersey retirement, breaking a 23-year-old franchise record for points in the first half en route to a victory over visiting Cleveland.

The Heat shot 77% in the first half and then turned the stage over to Wade, whose No. 3 jersey was hoisted to the rafters at halftime. The ceremony was part of a three-day celebration of Wade's career that included three NBA titles with Miami.

The Heat broke the franchise record of 75 points in the first half in November 1997 against the Los Angeles Clippers, a mark that predated Wade's 16-year NBA career. The game was so lopsided that Wade's close friend, Udonis Haslem, played for only the third time this season during garbage time.

Rookie Kendrick Nunn led Miami with 24 points. The Heat shot a season-best 57% and made 19 three-pointers.

Cedi Osman led Cleveland with 19 points.

**Kings 112, Clippers 103:** Kent Bazemore scored a season-high 23 points. Bogdan Bogdanovic added 20 and Sacramento won on the road for the second time in less than a month.

De'Aaron Fox had 20 points and eight assists for the surging Kings. They have won two straight out of the All-Star break and eight of 12 overall.

Los Angeles' Kawhi Leonard scored 31 points in his return from his MVP performance in Chicago, but the Clippers returned from the All-Star break with their first three-game losing streak of the season.

**Suns 112, Bulls 104:** DeAndre Ayton dominated with 28 points and 19 rebounds, Devin Booker had 29 points and Phoenix won at Chicago.

The Suns outscored the Bulls by 13 in the third quarter to wipe out a 10-point halftime deficit and ended the game on a 17-4 run to come away with the win after losing seven of nine. Chicago dropped its eighth in a row.

Ricky Rubio added 18 points and 11 assists, and Kelly Oubre Jr. had 14 points to help Phoenix snap a five-game road losing streak.

Bulls rookie Coby White set a career high with 33 points and matched one by making seven three-pointers. Zach LaVine scored 20 points.

**Nets 115, Hornets 86:** Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot scored 21 points and visiting Brooklyn ended Charlotte's three-game winning streak.

Caris LeVert added 17 points, and Garrett Temple had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

P.J. Washington had 16 points for the Hornets.

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	15	.732	—
Boston	35	16	.709	1½
Philadelphia	35	22	.614	6½
Brooklyn	26	29	.473	14½
New York	17	39	.304	24
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	20	.563	—
Orlando	24	32	.429	12
Washington	20	34	.370	15
Charlotte	19	37	.339	17
Atlanta	14	41	.253	20
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	48	8	.857	—
Indiana	33	21	.559	15
Chicago	28	38	.333	29½
Minnesota	19	39	.328	30
Detroit	14	48	.288	33
Cleveland	14	41	.268	33
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	36	20	.643	—
Dallas	34	23	.596	2½
Memphis	28	28	.500	8
San Antonio	24	31	.436	11½
New Orleans	24	32	.429	12
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	19	.679	—
Utah	36	20	.643	2
Oklahoma City	34	23	.607	4
Portland	25	32	.439	13
Seattle	16	38	.296	21
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	21	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	37	19	.661	6
Sacramento	23	33	.411	14
Phoenix	23	34	.404	15
Golden State	12	44	.214	31
Friday's games				
Dallas 122, Orlando 106				
Cleveland 113, Washington 108				
Indiana 106, New York 98				
Toronto 118, Phoenix 107				
Boston 127, Minnesota 117				
Oklahoma City 113, Denver 101				
San Antonio 113, Utah 104				
New Orleans 128, Portland 115				
L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 105				
Saturday's games				
Boston at L.A. Lakers				
Sacramento at Toronto				
Minnesota at Denver				
San Antonio at Oklahoma City				
Washington at Chicago				
New Orleans at Golden State				
Detroit at Portland				
Monday's games				
Atlanta at Philadelphia				
Los Angeles at Cleveland				
Milwaukee at Washington				
Orlando at Brooklyn				
New York at Houston				
Minnesota at Dallas				
Phoenix at Utah				
Tuesday's games				
Charlotte at Indiana				
Silva at Toronto				
Oklahoma City at Chicago				
Detroit at Denver				
Boston at Brooklyn				
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers				
Sacramento at Golden State				



## NHL

## Capitals' Ovechkin joins 700 club

Only Gretzky reached mark in fewer games

BY VIN A. CHERWOOD  
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — With power and a prodigious shot, Alex Ovechkin now stands where few have in hockey have been.

He became the eighth NHL player to score 700 career goals, reaching the milestone in the third period of the Washington Capitals' 3-2 loss to the New Jersey Devils on Saturday.

"It's a special moment," Ovechkin said. "When you get closer to start thinking when it's going to happen. Finally, it's over so we don't have to talk about it anymore. We're going to move on."

The 34-year-old Russian forward won one-timed a slap shot from the right circle that went into the left post 4:50 into the third period, tying the game at 2-2. It was his 42nd goal of the season, one behind Boston's David Pastrnak and Toronto's Auston Matthews for the league lead, and came on his second shot on goal of the game.

Capitals players rushed onto the ice to congratulate their teammate, and Devils fans gave him a strong ovation.

"It was obviously a matter of time, but that was a huge goal for us at the time," said Todd Rieder, in his second season as Capitals coach after serving as an assistant the previous four. "Amazing to be able to watch it live and in person. To be able to go through the last six years with (Ovechkin) has been amazing to watch. Certainly a superstar in my time, the best goal scorer that I've ever seen."

Wayne Gretzky leads the career list with 894 goals. He is followed by Gordie Howe (801),



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin, center, celebrates his 700th career goal with defenseman Michal Kempny, left, and defenseman Nick Jensen during the third period of Washington's 3-2 loss Saturday to the New Jersey Devils in Newark, N.J.

Jaromir Jagr (766), Brett Hull (741), Marcel Dionne (731), Phil Esposito (717) and Mike Gartner (708).

Jagr and Gartner both spent some time with the Capitals but neither reached the mark while playing for the team.

"It's always special to be in that category," Ovechkin said. "But I would say without my team, without my family, without the fans, the support that I have I would never reach that milestone. We have to continue to create history."

Ovechkin had not scored in

five straight games before getting No. 699 against Montreal on Thursday night. He had 14 goals, including three hat tricks, in his previous seven games before the drought.

"I knew someday even if I didn't score today we still have 20 games, so one goal I would score," he said. "It's pretty good company. I am happy to be there."

He needed 1,144 games to reach the landmark, second fastest behind Gretzky at 886 games. And the player who has been tormenting goalies since joining the league in 2005 moved from 600

goals to 700 in 154 games, the fewest among the eight players to reach the mark.

The first overall pick in the 2004 draft, Ovechkin has 1,270 points since the start of his rookie season, just ahead of Penguins star Sidney Crosby (1,256) since they both debuted that year.

Despite Ovechkin's climb, Washington lost its fourth straight and fell to 3-7-1 in its past 11 games to remain tied with Pittsburgh atop the Metropolitan Division at 80 points — the Penguins have an edge with a game in hand.

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Boston	63	29	17	12	80	208 159
Tampa Bay	62	40	17	5	85	221 171
Toronto	63	22	23	8	72	210 210
Florida	62	32	24	6	70	217 212
Montreal	64	29	27	8	66	195 195
Buffalo	61	28	25	8	64	180 192
Ottawa	62	21	30	11	53	164 212
Detroit	63	15	44	4	34	128 236

Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Pittsburgh	60	37	17	6	80	198 163
Washington	61	37	18	6	80	213 187
Philadelphia	60	30	20	7	77	206 183
N.Y. Islanders	60	34	20	6	74	172 163
Carolina	61	35	22	4	74	201 172
Columbus	63	30	19	14	74	162 163
N.Y. Rangers	61	33	24	4	70	203 188
New Jersey	61	24	27	10	58	167 210

## Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
St. Louis	62	35	17	10	80	196 173
Colorado	61	35	18	8	79	212 166
Dallas	61	35	20	6	76	165 158
Winnipeg	63	32	26	5	69	192 189
Nashville	61	30	23	8	68	195 196
Minnesota	60	29	24	7	65	185 193
Chicago	61	27	26	8	62	181 195

Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Vegas	61	33	22	6	74	202 191
Vancouver	61	33	22	6	72	203 187
Edmonton	61	29	27	7	71	194 190
Arizona	65	31	26	8	70	181 174
Calgary	62	31	25	6	68	183 194
San Jose	61	26	31	4	56	158 199
Anaheim	61	24	30	7	55	156 191
Los Angeles	62	22	34	6	50	154 199

**Notes:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Saturday's games**  
Buffalo 5, Pittsburgh 2  
Philadelphia 4, Winnipeg 2  
New Jersey 3, Washington 2  
N.Y. Rangers vs. San Jose  
Montreal 3, Ottawa 0  
Carolina 6, Toronto 3  
Arizona 7, Tampa Bay 3  
Columbus 4, Columbus 3, SO  
Vegas 5, Florida 3  
Vancouver 9, Boston 3  
Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1, SO

**Sunday's games**  
Pittsburgh at Washington  
Chicago at Dallas  
Winnipeg at Buffalo  
San Jose vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum  
Calgary at Detroit  
N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum  
Edmonton at Los Angeles  
Vegas at Columbus

**Monday's games**  
Ottawa at Columbus  
**Tuesday's games**  
Dallas at Toronto  
Calgary at Carolina  
N.Y. Rangers vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum  
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia  
Toronto at Tampa Bay  
Vancouver at Montreal  
Winnipeg at Washington  
New Jersey at Chicago  
Chicago at St. Louis  
Columbus at Minnesota  
Ottawa at Nashville  
Nashville at Tampa Bay  
Edmonton at Anaheim

**Wednesday's games**  
Buffalo at Colorado  
Edmonton at Vegas  
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles

## Roundup

## 42-year-old emergency goalie helps Hurricanes top Leafs

Associated Press

TORONTO — Emergency backup goalie Dave Ayres made eight saves in relief of Carolina's two injured netminders Saturday in the Hurricanes' 6-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Ayres, who works as a Zamboni driver for the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League, was forced into action midway through the second period after Carolina's James Reimer and Petr Mrazek were injured. The Hurricanes were leading 3-1 when the 42-year-old Ayres took over.

Ayres allowed goals on the first two shots he faced before settling down and stopping the next eight in a suffocating defensive performance by his new teammates.

Warren Foegele scored twice, Martin Necas had a goal and an assist, and Lucas Wallmark, Nino Niederreiter and Teuvo Teravainen also scored for Carolina.

"I had a couple of text messages that told me to get in there," Ayres said in front a

thrung of reporters. "I hadn't seen the footage [of Mrazek's injury]. I was in the media room by myself and a guy came in and said, 'Get going. Get ready.'"

"It was wild, it was fun," said Ayres, who gets paid \$500 and gets to keep his jersey.

The native of nearby Whitby, Ontario, faces shots from professional players on an almost-daily basis during the season but never thought he'd be called into service in an NHL game.

**Coyotes 7, Lightning 3:** Clayton Keller and Connor Garland each had two goals and an assist, leading host Arizona past Tampa Bay.

**Derek Stepan, Carl Soderberg and Brad Richardson scored and Taylor Hall had two assists. Antti Raanta made 27 saves.**

**Flyers 4, Jets 2:** Scott Laughton scored two goals as host Philadelphia extended its winning streak to three games with a win over Winnipeg.

Sean Couturier and Tyler Pitlick also scored and Justin Braun had three assists for the Flyers, who improved to 21-5-4 at

home.

**Rangers 3, Sharks 2:** Jesper Fast scored twice, Igor Shesterkin made 44 saves and host New York won their third straight game.

Mika Zibanejad also scored and Artemi Panarin extended his point streak to eight games with two assists as the Rangers won for the seventh time in eight games.

**Sabres 5, Penguins 2:** Jack Eichel scored twice as visiting Buffalo dealt Pittsburgh its second blowout in three days.

Zemgus Girgensons, Sam Reinhart and Jeff Skinner also scored for the Sabres. Connor Tonn turned away 41 shots as Buffalo earned its second regulation victory in its last 20 meetings with the Penguins.

**Canadiens 3, Senators 0:** Max Domi had a pair of goals to help Montreal win at Ottawa.

Carey Price stopped 30 shots for his fourth shutout of the season, while Paul Byron also scored.

**Predators 4, Blue Jackets 3 (SO):** Rocco Grimaldi scored in the eighth round

of the shootout, and host Nashville beat Columbus.

Colton Sissons, Ryan Johansen and Mikael Granlund each scored, and Filip Forsberg had two assists for the Predators.

**Canucks 9, Bruins 3:** Tyler Toffoli scored his first two goals with his new team and added an assist as host Vancouver routed Boston.

Troy Stecher had a goal and two assists for a career-high three points, and J.T. Miller had three assists.

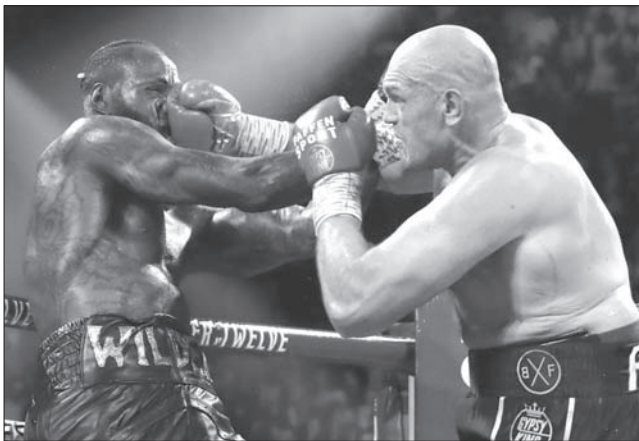
**Golden Knights 5, Panthers 3:** Reilly Smith scored two goals, Marc-Andre Fleury made 31 saves and host Vegas beat Florida.

The Golden Knights completed a five-game homestand 5-0-0 and catapulted to the top of the Pacific Division, where they lead Edmonton by three points.

**Avanche 2, Kings 1 (SO):** Joonas Donskoi scored in the shootout and Colorado earned its sixth straight road win.

Ryan Orosco scored for the Avanche, who have won 11 of their past 15 games.

## BOXING/MLB



PHOTOS BY ISAAC BREKKE/AP

Tyson Fury lands a right on Deontay Wilder during Saturday's WBC heavyweight title fight in Las Vegas.

## Throne: Fury deals Wilder first loss

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He also bloodied Wilder's ear, and seemed to lick the blood off his shoulder in a bizarre scene in the sixth round. If that wasn't enough fun for the night, he tried to lead the crowd in a singalong of "American Pie" after the fight. Fury knew all the words.

The end came at 1:39 of the seventh round when referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight after Wilder's corner threw in the towel as he was getting pummeled in a neutral corner. Blood was pouring out of Wilder's ear for several rounds before Fury went in for the shoulder lick.

It was the first loss for Wilder in 44 fights, and it came in the 11th defense of the title he won in 2015.

"Even the greatest have lost and come back," Wilder said. "I make no excuses. This is what big-time boxing is all about."

The two fighters are under contract for a third fight, though Wilder could opt out of it as the loser. If the fight happens, Fury would get the better part of a 60-40 purse bid.

Fury stalked Wilder almost from the opening bell, using his jab to control the early rounds. He won every round on the scorecard of the Associated Press and was in total command of the fight when it ended.

Ringside punch stats demonstrated Fury's dominance, showing him out-landing Wilder 82-34 in total punches. Fury landed 58 power punches in less than seven rounds of the rematch after landing just 38 in the first fight. Wilder landed just 34 punches all fight and just 18 power shots.

Wilder briefly protested the stoppage, as a pro-Fury crowd of 15,816 at the MGM Grand hotel roared in delight. The highly anticipated fight drew a heavyweight record \$16.9 million gate and promoters believe it sold well on pay-per-view, too.

"I wish my corner would have let me go out on my shield," Wilder said. "He did what he did. There's no excuses."

Wilder, who at 6-foot-7 and 231 pounds was the smaller man in the ring to the 6-foot-9 British giant, was backpedaling the entire fight, trying to catch Fury coming in with a right hand. But he was never able to throw it effectively, and unable to deal with Fury's jab either.

Two judges had Fury winning every round, while the third gave Wilder one round. Fury had a point deducted for grabbing and pushing in the fifth round.

"He manned up and he really did show the heart of a champion," Fury said. "He's a warrior, he will be back, he will be a champion again. But the king has returned."

Fury had bulked up to 273 pounds for the re-



Tyson Fury celebrates after beating Deontay Wilder for the WBC world heavyweight championship.

match, vowing to change tactics and become the big puncher. He was true to his word, dominating early with a jab that stopped Wilder in his tracks and then landing combinations to the head and body.

Fury (30-0-1, 21 KO) came into the ring carried aloft on a throne with a crown on his head. Then he showed he was really the Gypsy King as he made it an easy night against a fighter who had gone 12 years without losing as a pro.

For Wilder it was a stunning end to an unbeaten mark that had seen him knock out 41 of his previous 43 opponents. But his devastating right hand was never a factor, and Fury seemed to walk through it. That was unlike the first fight 14 months ago when Wilder knocked Fury down twice on his way to a draw.

Both fighters were guaranteed \$5 million in the rematch but could make \$40 million apiece.

## Astros steal signs from heckling fans

Crowd jeers Houston in spring opener vs. champion Nationals

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Fans hoping to heckle the sign-stealing Houston Astros at their spring opener were met with quite the coincidence.

They got their signs stolen.

In the Astros' first spring training game since their sign-stealing scandal rocked baseball, some fans brought signs jeering Houston, and ballpark personnel confiscated them before the exhibition opener against the World Series champion Washington Nationals on Saturday night.

In a Series rematch, the Nats got hearty cheers, while everyone in an Astros jersey — including the mascot, Orbit — was booted. Houston did not use any players implicated in MLB's probe.

Two men in Nationals gear sitting behind the Astros dugout briefly held up crudely drawn signs just before first pitch. One read: "You see my hate?" in large block letters. And another said: "Houston" with an asterisk below it, suggesting the Astros' 2017 World Series title should be permanently blemished because of the cheating.

The men didn't get to show off their signs for long. A woman who worked for the ballpark quickly approached to take the signs. They didn't argue, but did look confused as she walked away with them folded in her arms.

The Astros and Nationals share a spring training complex. Houston was designated the home team Saturday.

Matthew Silliman, who held one of the signs, said he didn't know they were forbidden.

"I'm a big Nats fan and it's wrong," said Silliman, who drove to the game from Tampa Bay and said he's been waiting to let the Astros know what he thinks of them. "They're cheaters."

Commissioner Rob Manfred concluded last month the Astros violated rules by using a television camera to steal catchers' signs during their run to the 2017 World Series title and again in the 2018 season. Manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were suspended for one season and then fired by the team, but players were not disciplined.

Fans booed loud every time the public address announcer said "Astros," and fans behind Houston's dugout heckled Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Lance McCullers Jr. as they stood on the dug-out steps before the game. A few fans banged on their metal seats, attempting to mimic the banging on a trash can the Astros used to relay stolen signs to hitters.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

A Nationals fan reacts as the Houston Astros are introduced before Saturday's spring training game against Washington in West Palm Beach, Fla.

One fan in a Nationals jersey yelled: "Hey Altuve, are you scared to play tonight?" Others screamed "you suck!" and "cheaters!"

About a half-dozen fans wore shirts that read "bang loud poles, not trash cans" in reference to Howie Kendrick's decisive home run for Washington in Game 7 of last year's World Series.

First-year Houston manager Dusty Baker said he didn't think the reception was "too bad" and said his team will have to get used to it.

"You'll probably get the same reception most places you go, especially the first go-round," he said. "So, you've just got to put your big-boy pants on and then just try to shut it out and just play baseball."

Washington ace Max Scherzer, who started Game 7 to help the Nationals to their first title, also started Saturday and pitched two scoreless innings. He was asked if he thought the game would be more dramatic considering what's going on with the Astros.

"Maybe, I don't know," he said. "We won the World Series, so it wasn't like I have a vendetta to hold. So, for me over here we're just trying to move forward and get ready for our season."

Scherzer was a bit disappointed that none of Houston's starters played Saturday.

"You want to face the best," said Scherzer, who allowed one hit and struck out two. "They're a great lineup but I get it, it's early in the spring — you're not going to see them."

And while Silliman didn't get to keep his signs, he said it wouldn't stop him from heckling the Astros with his voice.

"Oh yeah," he said. "They're going to get it all."

He didn't have long. The game was delayed because of rain after two innings and canceled after 90 minutes later.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



RAY CARLIN/AP

Kansas guard Marcus Garrett, left, and guard Devon Dotson, right, pressure Baylor forward Freddie Gillespie, center, during the No. 3 Jayhawks' 64-61 defeat of the No. 1 Bears Saturday in Waco, Texas.

## Top 25 roundup

## Kansas stops Baylor's run

Azubuike's 23 points, 19 rebounds lead No. 3 Jayhawks past No. 1 Bears

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Udoaka Azubuike had 23 points and a career-high 19 rebounds and No. 3 Kansas held on to beat No. 1 Baylor 64-61 on Saturday, snapping the Bears' 23-game winning streak and likely ending their five-week hold on the No. 1 spot in the AP poll.

The Jayhawks (24-3, 13-1 Big 12) have won 12 in a row since their first-ever home loss to Baylor on Jan. 11. They had a 10-point lead with 6½ minutes left but had to hold off Baylor's late charge. Isaiah Moss, who had 11 points, made two free throws for Kansas with 7.9 seconds left before a timeout. The Bears (24-2, 13-1) had one more shot, but Butler's three-pointer from beyond the top of the key ricocheted off the front of the iron as time expired.

**No. 23 BYU 91, No. 2 Gonzaga 78:** Yoceli Childs scored 28 points to help the host Cougars end the Bulldogs' 19-game winning streak.

Jake Toolson added 17 points and T.J. Haws had 16 points. BYU (23-7, 12-3 WCC) never trailed after halftime en route to its eighth straight victory.

Killian Tillie scored 18 points and Corey Kispert added 16 to lead Gonzaga. Filip Petrushev added 14 points and Admon Gilder chipped in 13. The Bulldogs (27-2, 13-1) won the previous five meetings in Provo before Saturday.

**No. 5 Dayton 80, Duquesne 70:** Obi Toppin had 28 points as the host Flyers won their 16th game in a row, beating the Dukes.

Jalen Crutcher added 17 points

and five assists for Dayton (25-2, 14-0 Atlantic 10), which has yet to lose in regulation this season.

**No. 5 Duke 77, Virginia Tech 64:** Cassius Stanley scored 21 points and made a season-high five three-pointers to help the host Blue Devils.

Matthew Hurt added 16 points and a season-high 10 rebounds for Duke (23-4, 13-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which opened with an 11-2 spurt, hitting three three-pointers.

**No. 8 Florida State 67, North Carolina State 61:** M.J. Walker scored all 12 of his points after halftime to help the visiting Seminoles take control in the second half.

FSU (23-4, 13-3) spent much of the second half shooting better than 50% and repeatedly got into the interior of the Wolfpack defense.

**No. 10 Kentucky 65, Florida State 59:** Immanuel Quickley scored a career-high 26 points, including 15 of the host Wildcats' 17 during a decisive second-half stretch as they pushed past the Gators for their sixth consecutive victory.

**No. 11 Louisville 72, North Carolina 55:** Jordan Nwora scored 18 points to lead the host Cardinals (23-5, 14-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won their second straight game and guaranteed they would stay in first place in the conference.

**No. 12 Villanova 64, Xavier 55:** Saddiq Bey scored 22 points and the Wildcats extended their late-February surge, beating the host Musketeers for their fourth straight win.

Villanova (21-6, 10-4 Big East) has recovered from a three-game

losing streak that knocked it out of the league lead.

**No. 13 Auburn 73, Tennessee 66:** Samir Doughty scored 22 points and the host Tigers rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half to beat the Volunteers in a game marred by an ugly incident involving a fan.

A student was ejected from the game after directing a derogatory comment toward Tennessee's Santiago Vescovi and will face a disciplinary hearing, an Auburn official said.

**No. 14 Oregon 73, No. 24 Arizona 72 (OT):** Payton Pritchard scored a career-high 38 points, Shakur Juiston added all of his team's nine points in overtime and the Ducks rallied to win on the road.

**TCU 67, No. 17 West Virginia 60 (OT):** Kevin Samuel scored six of his 19 points in overtime and the Horned Frogs extended the Mountaineers' Big 12 road woes.

**UCLA 70, No. 18 Colorado 63:** Tyger Campbell had seven of his 15 points during a 20-3 Bruins run in the second half, and UCLA rallied from nine points down to win on the road and tie the Buffaloes atop the Pac-12 Conference.

**Providence 84, No. 19 Marquette 72:** Luwane Pipkins scored 24 points and David Duke had 15 to lead the host Friars to their fourth straight victory over a ranked team.

**Memphis 60, No. 22 Houston 59:** Precious Achiuwa scored 10 points, including the go-ahead free throw with 28.2 seconds left, and the host Tigers beat the Cougars.

## Runnin' Rebels hand No. 4 San Diego State first loss this season

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Malachi Flynn sat slumped in his chair and glared straight ahead, the sting of San Diego State's first loss of the season still painfully fresh.

"We lost. It was the first time it happened, so it doesn't feel good," Flynn said moments after the fired-up UNLV Runnin' Rebels beat SDSU 66-63 on Saturday night, snapping the Aztecs' 26-game winning streak and ending their run as the nation's only undefeated team.

"Well we tasted defeat for the first time and it doesn't taste very good," San Diego State coach Brian Dutcher said. "Anybody that was saying they thought a loss would be good for the Aztecs, we don't feel that way at all. We're vastly disappointed. We wanted a perfect season, but it didn't happen, and that's college basketball."

Elijah Mitrou-Long scored 19 points, including two free throws with 11.5 seconds left for UNLV.

The Aztecs erased almost all of a 14-point deficit when they pulled to 64-63 on Flynn's three-pointer with 14.5 seconds left. Mitrou-Long was fouled by Matt Mitchell with 11.5 seconds left and made both free throws.

Flynn missed a contested three-pointer with 3.3 seconds left and the ball went to the Runnin' Rebels. After a long pass down the court, Mitchell ended up with the ball and his desperation shot at



DENIS POROBY/AP

San Diego State forward Matt Mitchell, right, is fouled by UNLV forward Cheikh Mbacke Diong during the Runnin' Rebels' 66-63 win Saturday in San Diego.

the buzzer fell short.

SDSU (26-1, 15-1 Mountain West) unveiled the regular-season conference banner before the game and then looked nothing like the team that raced to the best start in school history. The Aztecs trailed by 14 midway through the second half and were down 11 with 4:32 to go.

Anauri Hardy scored 17 points and Bryce Hamilton added 11 points and 10 rebounds for UNLV (15-14, 10-6).

## Service Academies

## Funk works overtime, Army takes season sweep of Navy

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Tommy Funk scored eight of his 32 points in overtime as Army completed its first regular-season sweep of Navy since the 2011-12 season by dominating the extra period to take an 85-73 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Funk hit two free throws with 41 seconds left in regulation to give the Black Knights a 67-61 lead, but Army then missed four straight free throws in the final half-minute as the Midshipmen climbed back to tie after Cam Davis hit a three-pointer, Evan Wieck hit two free throws and Davis added three more from the line.

Alex King hit a three and Funk fed Josh Caldwell for a layup to open overtime before Funk scored twice at the basket and added a jumper that put the Black Knights up by nine, 80-71 after holding Navy to just a layup through the first four minutes of overtime.

Funk scored in double figures for the 23rd straight game for

Army (14-13, 9-6 Patriot League), adding seven rebounds and seven assists. King was 4-for-4 from deep and finished with 22 points. Caldwell added 14 points and three steals and Matt Wilson added 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Davis finished with 28 points to lead the Midshipmen (13-14, 7-9). Greg Summers added 19 points and John Carter, Jr. added 11 points and 11 rebounds while Luke Loefer grabbed 11 boards.

**Wyoming 78, Air Force 72:** Greg Milton III came off the bench and more than doubled his previous career high with 28 points to help carry the Cowboys past the host Falcons.

Milton, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, posted his prior career high of 12 points on Feb. 1 against San Jose State. Against Air Force, he had 18 by halftime. He finished 9-for-14 shooting, including 4-for-7 from three-point range, and made 6 of 8 foul shots. He grabbed four rebounds, distributed three assists and committed just one turnover. Lavelle Scottie led the Falcons (10-18, 4-12) with 17 points.



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## BOXING

# Return to the throne

Fury TKOs Wilder in 7th round to reclaim heavyweight crown

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Associated Press

**T**YSON FURY reinvented himself once again, and once again he's a heavyweight champion.

The Gypsy King dropped Deontay Wilder twice Saturday night in their heavyweight title rematch, turning from boxer to puncher to win the title.

Wilder's corner threw in the towel as he was taking a beating in the seventh round.

It was a stunning turnaround for a fighter who came back from drug and alcohol abuse to win the title for a second time, made even more surprising because Wilder was the devastating puncher

in their first fight 14 months ago.

"The king has returned to his throne," proclaimed Fury, who fought to a draw with Wilder in their first fight.

Fury dropped Wilder in the third round with a right hand that seemed to take the legs out of the champion. He put him down again in the fifth round, this time with a left hand to the body.

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Tyson Fury, left, hits Deontay Wilder with a left hand during their WBC heavyweight championship fight in Las Vegas on Saturday. Fury won by 7th-round TKO.

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